

# FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

## REGULAR MEETING

February 03, 2021

10:00 AM



Fulton County Government Center

## TELECONFERENCE

141 Pryor Street SW

Atlanta, Georgia 30303



## MINUTES - RATIFIED

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**Ratification Date: March 3, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Robert L. Pitts 10:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Tonya R. Grier, Clerk to the Commission

Chairman Robb Pitts (At Large)	PRESENT
Commissioner Liz Hausmann (District 1)	PRESENT
Commissioner Bob Ellis (District 2)	PRESENT
Commissioner Lee Morris (District 3)	PRESENT
Vice Chair Natalie Hall (District 4)	PRESENT
Commissioner Marvin Arrington (District 5)	PRESENT
Commissioner Khadijah Abdur-Rahman (District 6)	PRESENT

**INVOCATION:** Reverend Clifton Dawkins, Jr., County Chaplain

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Recite in unison

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dick Anderson, County Manager; Kaye Burwell, Interim County Attorney; Anna Roach, Chief Operating Officer; Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer; Ellis Kirby, Deputy COO; Pamela Roshell, Deputy COO; Alton Adams, Deputy COO; Harriet Thomas (Office of Chairman Pitts); Hakeem Oshikoya, Finance Director; Felicia Strong-Whitaker, Purchasing Director; Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs; and Nikki Peterson (Office of the Clerk to the Commission)

**CONSENT AGENDA****21-0077 Board of Commissioners**

Adoption of the Consent Agenda - All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to adopt as amended by removing item #21-0085 for separate consideration as requested by Commissioner Ellis. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**21-0078 Board of Commissioners**

Proclamations for Spreading on the Minutes **(SPREAD ON THE MINUTES UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Proclamation recognizing "Joan Jones Appreciation Day." **(Hausmann)**  
December 31, 2020

Proclamation recognizing "Hank Aaron Remembrance Day." **(Hall/BOC)**  
January 22, 2021

Proclamation recognizing "Linda Porter Remembrance Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**  
January 29, 2021

**Commissioners' District Board Appointments****21-0079 Board of Commissioners**

COMMISSION ON ELDER AFFAIRS **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = Shall end at the end of the term of the appointing District Commissioner

Term below expired: 12/31/2020  
Lithangia Robinson-Murray **(Darnell)**

**Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Jill Lindsey for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

**21-0080 Board of Commissioners**

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ALLOCATION PROCESS  
CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL (**APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**)

Term = 2 years

Term below expired: 12/31/2019  
Keisha Kent Sawyer (**Darnell**)

Term below expired: 12/31/2020  
Gail Sutton (**Carn**)

**Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Mary Jordan for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2022 and Keisha Kent Sawyer for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2021.**

**21-0081 Board of Commissioners**

FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (**APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**)

Term = Coincides with that of the District Commissioner who appoints them

Term below expired: 12/31/2020  
Jack P. Longino (**Carn**)

**Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Trevor Cason for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

**21-0082 Board of Commissioners**

FULTON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) (**APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**)

Term = 2 years

Terms below expired: 12/31/2020  
Devin Barrington-Ward (**Hall**)  
Barbara McKee (**Carn**)

**Vice Chair Hall nominated Devin Barrington-Ward for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2022.**

**Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Michael Daniels for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2022.**

**21-0083 Board of Commissioners**

FULTON COUNTY CITIZENS COMMISSION ON THE ENVIRONMENT  
**(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = 4 Years

Term below expired: 12/31/2020  
K. Rashid Nuri (**Hall**)

**Vice Chair Hall nominated K. Rashid Nuri for a District reappointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

**21-0084 Board of Commissioners**

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

Term = Each member of the board of trustees appointed by a member of the board of commissioners shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing member of the Board of Commissioners and for the same term as the Commissioner making such appointment.

Term below expired: 12/31/2020  
Phyllis Bailey (**Darnell/Carn**)

**Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Marjorie L. Kimbrough for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.**

**21-0085 Board of Commissioners**

FULTON-DEKALB HOSPITAL AUTHORITY D/B/A GRADY HEALTH SYSTEM

Term = 4 years

Terms below expired: 12/31/2020Robert W. Miller (**Morris**)Sandra DeShields-Hightower (**Carn**)**Commissioner Morris has nominated Rick Shackelford to a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.****Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Thomas Wesley Dortch, Jr. for a District appointment to a term ending December 31, 2024.****Chairman Pitts called for a Division.**

a. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the nomination of Rick Shackelford. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

b. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to approve the nomination of Thomas Wesley Dortch, Jr. The motion failed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman**Abstain:** Pitts**Did Not Vote:** Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris

c. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to file. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris**Nay:** Hall, and Arrington**Did Not Vote:** Abdur-Rahman

d. A substitute motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Arrington to hold. (**NO VOTE TAKEN**)

e. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, to over-rule the Chairman. The motion failed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman**Nay:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, and Morris

f. A motion was made by Commissioner Arrington and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to stay the appointments and a motion to file until an opinion is made by the County Attorney. The motion failed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Nay:** Pitts, and Morris

**Did Not Vote:** Hausmann, and Ellis

### **Open & Responsible Government**

#### **21-0086 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a Resolution approving an Easement Agreement between Fulton County, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, and the Georgia Power Company for the purpose of relocating onsite utility service equipment at the Roswell Neighborhood Senior Center; to authorize the Chairman to execute an Easement Agreement and related documents; to authorize the County Attorney to approve as to form and make modifications as necessary prior to execution. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

#### **21-0087 Finance**

Request approval of a Resolution confirming final numbers concerning Water And Sewerage Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2020b. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

### **Arts and Libraries**

#### **21-0088 Arts and Culture**

Request approval to extend an existing contract to June 30, 2021 with Erik Carlson to a create site-specific, original work of public art for Central Library in the amount of \$109,100.00 with \$10,365.00 yet to be invoiced. Effective dates: February 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

### **Justice and Safety**

#### **21-0089 Police**

Request approval of a revenue generating contract - Police Department, Bid # 20ITB127435B-YJ, Wrecker Towing Services with anticipated revenue in the amount of \$36,000.00 with S & W Services of Atlanta, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) to provide wrecker towing services for the Fulton County Police Department upon execution of the contract through December 31, 2021 with two (2) renewal options. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**21-0090 Police**

Request approval of a contract - Fulton County Police Department, Police Physical Agility Testing Site in the amount of \$1080.00 for entire year at \$90.00 per session and once a month for 12 months with Renaissance Church of Christ, South Fulton, GA 30349, to provide usage of their gymnasium facility to perform new police officer's recruitment physical agility testing. The contract period will be from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. **(APPROVED UPON ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA)**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA****21-0091 Board of Commissioners**

Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda. **(ADOPTED AS AMENDED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to adopted as amended by adding item #21-0110 by a super majority vote. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0092 Clerk to the Commission**

Ratification of Minutes. **(RATIFIED)**

Regular Meeting Minutes, January 6, 2021

Recess Meeting Post Agenda Minutes, January 20, 2021

A motion was made by Commissioner Ellis and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to ratify the meeting minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

**21-0093 Board of Commissioners**

Presentation of Proclamations and Certificates **(PRESENTED)**

Proclamation recognizing "Captain Andrea Hall Appreciation Day."  
**(Abdur-Rahman)**

Proclamation recognizing "National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Appreciation Day." **(Abdur-Rahman)**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS****21-0094 Board of Commissioners**

Public Comment - Citizens are allowed to voice County-related opinions, concerns, requests, etc. during the Public Comment portion of the Commission meeting.

Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. Members of the public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The Public Comment portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes at the Regular Meeting, nor will this portion exceed thirty minutes at the Recess Meeting. Those who could not speak during Public Comment will be allowed to speak first at a subsequent Board meeting. For more information or to arrange a speaking date, contact the Clerk's Office.

**(CONDUCTED/READ INTO THE RECORD)**

**4 Speakers: Thomas Dean (Run-off Elections); Richard Corbin (County's Contract/Conflict of Interest with Ayoub, Mansour & Bryant, L.L.C.); Moshe A John Jones (River Edge Contract); Ben Howard (Senior Services/Elder Affairs Meeting)**

**COUNTY MANAGER'S ITEMS****Open & Responsible Government****21-0095 County Manager**

Presentation of COVID-19 Operational Response Update. **(PRESENTED)**

**21-0096 Purchasing and Contract Compliance**

Request ratification of emergency procurement - County Manager, Countywide Emergency Procurements. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve ratification. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Arrington

**Did Not Vote:** Abdur-Rahman

**21-0097 Information Technology**

Request approval to renew existing contracts - Fulton County Information Technology, Bid #19ITBC05212019K-DB, Computer Hardware Equipment Refresh in an amount not to exceed \$2,058,460.00 with (A) Dell Marketing, L.P. (Round Rock, TX) in the amount of \$1,758,460.00 and (B) CDW Government (Vernon Hills, IL) in the amount of \$300,000.00 for specialty computing devices to include iPads, iMacs, MS Surface Pros and supporting peripherals. This action exercises the first of two renewal options. One renewal option remains. Effective dates: Upon BOC approval through 12/31/2021. **(HELD)**

a. A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and Seconded by Commissioner Hall, to approve. **(NO VOTE TAKEN)**

b. A substitute motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to hold. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Ellis, Morris, and Arrington

**21-0098 Real Estate and Asset Management**

Request approval of a change order greater than 10% - Department of Real Estate and Asset Management, RFP#19RFP070819K-DB, Fulton County Justice Center Tower Repairs & Alterations to the Exterior Façade, with Metro Waterproofing, Inc. (Scottdale, GA) in the amount of \$237,864.00, to modify the existing Scope of Work to provide exterior repairs, caulking/sealant replacement and pressure washing cleaning of the Peachtree, Pryor, and a portion of Mitchell Street elevations of the Fulton County Government Center Complex located at 141 Pryor Street, Atlanta, GA 30303. Effective for a period of 183 calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hall and seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Health and Human Services****21-0099 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 20ITBC101020A-CJC, Water Meters in the amount of \$750,000.00 with Delta Municipal Supply Company (Lawrenceville, GA), to provide water meters. Effective upon execution of contract through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0100 Public Works**

Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder - Department of Public Works, 20ITB112420A-FB, Emergency Sewage Cleanup Services in the amount of \$101,890.00 with American Property Restoration (Atlanta, GA), to provide emergency sewage cleanup services. Effective upon execution of contract through December 31, 2021 with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Hausmann and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**Justice and Safety****21-0101 Superior Court Administration**

Request approval of a recommended proposal - Superior Court Administration, 20RFP100920A-CJC Legal Services for Fulton Courts Justice Resource Center in the amount of \$205,380.00 with Atlanta Legal Aid Society, Inc. to provide legal assistance and services to citizens upon execution of contract through December 31, 2021, with two renewal options. **(APPROVED)**

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**COMMISSIONERS' ACTION ITEMS****21-0070 Board of Commissioners**

Request approval of a Resolution pursuant to O.C.G.A. s 15-16-20(a)(3) and amending Resolution No. 98-0166 to establish a new local salary supplement for the Fulton County Sheriff. **(Arrington)**  
**(MOTION TO APPROVE FAILED ON 1/20/21) (HELD)**

**ITEM HELD AS REQUESTED BY COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON**

## Commissioners' Full Board Appointments

### 21-0102 Board of Commissioners

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL **(APPROVED)**

Term = 3 years (No more than two consecutive terms)

Term below expired: 8/1/2011  
Vacant **(Member 2)**

**Commissioner Abdur-Rahman nominated Elizabeth K. Bolton-Harris (Member 2) for a Full Board appointment to a term ending August 1, 2023.**

A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Ellis, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, and Abdur-Rahman

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington

### 21-0103 Board of Commissioners

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN **(APPROVED)**

Term = 1 Year

Terms below expired: 12/31/2020  
Commissioner Joe Carn **(Position #3/BOC)**  
Commissioner Lee Morris **(Position #1/BOC)**

**Chairman Pitts nominated Commissioner Abdur-Rahman (Position #3/BOC) for a Full Board appointment and Commissioner Morris (Position #1/BOC) for a Full Board reappointment to terms ending December 31, 2021.**

A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0104 Board of Commissioners  
AUDIT COMMITTEE (APPROVED)**

Term = 2 years

Terms below expired: 12/31/2020

Phillip Wayne Hurd (BOC – Citizen)

Commissioner Bob Ellis (BOC - Commissioner)

Commissioner Lee Morris (BOC - Commissioner)

**Commissioner Ellis nominated Jay Small (BOC-Citizen) for a Full Board appointment to a term ending December 31, 2022.**

**Chairman Pitts nominated Commissioner Ellis (BOC-Commissioner 2) and Commissioner Morris (BOC-Commissioner 1) for Full Board reappointments to terms ending December 31, 2022.**

A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Hausmann, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**21-0105 Board of Commissioners  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FULTON COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (APPROVED)**

Term = 1 Year

Terms below expired: 12/31/2020

Commissioner Joe Carn (Position #2)

Commissioner Lee Morris (#1 – Chairman or designee)

**Chairman Pitts nominated Commissioner Abdur-Rahman (Position #2) for a Full Board appointment and Commissioner Morris for a Full Board reappointment (#1 – Chairman or designee) to terms ending December 31, 2021.**

A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**COUNTY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Open & Responsible Government**

**21-0107 External Affairs  
Update of 2021 Legislative Agenda. (PRESENTED)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION****21-0106 Board of Commissioners**

Executive (CLOSED) Sessions regarding litigation (County Attorney), real estate (County Manager), and personnel (Pitts). (APPROVED)

**PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING LITIGATION, REAL ESTATE AND PERSONNEL:** Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chair Hall Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman; County Manager Dick Anderson; Interim County Attorney Kaye Burwell; and Clerk to the Commission Tonya R. Grier.

**PRESENT IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PERSONNEL:** Chairman Pitts, Vice-Chair Hall Commissioner Arrington, Commissioners: Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, and Abdur-Rahman and Chief Human Resources Officer Kenneth Hermon.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

A motion was made by Commissioner Morris and seconded by Chairman Pitts, to approve representation in item #1 as discussed in Executive Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, and Hall

**Did Not Vote:** Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**ITEMS ADDED TO THE MEETING****21-0110 Board of Commissioners**

**COMMISSIONERS' ITEM** – Request approval of a Resolution in observance of February 2021 as Black History Month in Fulton County. (Abdur-Rahman)

a. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Vice Chair Hall, to approve adding item #21-0110 to the Regular Meeting Agenda. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

b. A motion was made by Chairman Pitts and seconded by Commissioner Arrington, to approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Yea:** Pitts, Hausmann, Ellis, Morris, Hall, Arrington, and Abdur-Rahman

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

**FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2021  
10:00 A.M.**

(Whereupon, the meeting begins at 10:01 a.m.)

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morning. Good morning, Commissioners. Good morning everyone. And welcome to the Fulton County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting. Today is February 3, 2021. The hour is 10:01 a.m. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll, please."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Chairman Robb Pitts."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Liz Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Bob Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Present."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Lee Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Vice Chair Natalie Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Marvin Arrington, Jr. Commissioner Khadija Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Present."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. All right. Please stand wherever you are for the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, the invocation was given by Reverend Dawkins followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.)

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 2, Consent Agenda, **21-0077**, Adoption of the Consent Agenda. All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the County Commission and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will

take place on these items. If discussion of any Consent Agenda item is desired, the item will be moved to the Regular Meeting Agenda for separate consideration. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have one item to be removed for separate consideration. Bottom of page 4, 21-0085, Fulton Dekalb Hospital Authority. Commissioner Ellis has requested to remove this item for separate consideration. Commissioner Morris has nominated Rick Shackelford, and Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Thomas Wesley Dortch, Jr."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anything else?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "If nothing else, Mr. Chairman, I'll move approval of the Consent Agenda with the amendment."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, properly moved and seconded on the Consent Agenda as amended. Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the vote is open."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall. Vice Chair Hall. Commissioner Arrington."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, we have an item to be added to today's Regular Meeting Agenda, 21-0110, sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Request approval of a Resolution in observance of the February 2021 as Black History Month in Fulton County."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Just a minute. Now, to add items to the Agenda on the day of, it's supposed to be in two categories an emergency or extraordinary circumstances. I'm certain that we all support this, but I'm not sure it's an emergency. We do have another meeting in February where this could be placed upon the Regular Agenda. But the rules require that it be for an emergency or some extraordinary circumstance. All right. Continue."

**CLERK GRIER:** "All right --"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'm sorry."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Can everybody vote?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes. With all due respect, Chair, the extraordinary circumstances that I would present to my colleagues is that in this particular climate, given what our community has went through, and by the time we get to the next meeting, we would be halfway through the month. I would just humbly ask that the members would think about that Black History Month is regulated to the shortest month of the year. And if we, as a body, in this particular case understand that it is extraordinarily that we show the diversity and the inclusiveness of the body, not only the body of the Board of Commissioners, well, Fulton County as a whole. We are in unprecedeted times when we have lost so many of our African-Americans that have been struck down in their home. That have been jogging. And so this is, in my mind, an extraordinary time for us to step to the plate and make a decision that, in this case, it would be important, somewhat of an emergency, that we clearly send a message that Black History month is important to us and we recognize it. And since we've recently introduced that racism is a public health crisis, here in Fulton County that I think in this particular case, it would behoove this body to pass this for our constituents to know that we support diversity; we support African-American history which is American history. Thank you."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Is that a substitute motion?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "There was no motion. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, I think your statements are appropriate I'm simply reminding what I'm stating rather, what the rules require. But if -- I would ask us, because at the last meeting, my staff had brought something forward that was not an emergency, and I asked that it not be even voted on because it wasn't an emergency. So I think the cutoff date is on Friday at 10 o'clock before our meeting. So let's be mindful of that going forward and trying to maintain

some dignity and respect as we, you know, go forward -- just a minute. Just a minute, go about the people's business. But I hear you loudly and clearly, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, and in this instance, I would ask my colleagues to vote in favor of adding this to the Agenda. So I'll move that it be added. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Second."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I'm going to vote, yes. This County has a history of supporting Black History Month. This is not what I would consider an emergency. But for the good of the Board, I would be happy to vote, yes. But I do think that, in general, we should do our best to try to adhere to our policy of only adding things if they have -- are under the two circumstances that the Chairman mentioned. But I vote, yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's correct. Thank you very much, Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I vote, yes. And my understanding is that you needed a vote of five people. And so, I would submit that the vote of five people determines whether it's an emergency or not."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "If you get five votes, it's an emergency. If you don't get five votes, then it doesn't meet the criteria."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Well, actually there is a resolution that explains all of it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman? How do you vote?"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. Continue."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 6 of the Regular Meeting Agenda, **21-0091**, Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda. Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, our only addition that I have is to include item 21-0110."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I'll move approval, Mr. Chairman with the amendment."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0392**, ratification of minutes, Regular meeting minutes, January 6th, Recess meeting Post Agenda minutes, January 20th, 2021."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'll second."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Vote please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0093**, Presentation of proclamations and certificates. First proclamation is recognizing Captain Andrea Hall Appreciation Day, sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes. Chair, I would like to – actually, present it now. Whereas, Captain Andrea M. Hall began her career as a firefighter in 1993 in the city of Albany, Georgia; and later became a Fulton County firefighter in 1999, where she served a full range of activities including license EMT, CPR, instructor, and Life Safety Educator. And whereas, Captain Hall began her current role with the city of South Fulton in 2018, where she served a population of a 100,000 residents over 86 square miles. She also served as an adjunct instructor for Georgia Public Safety Training Center. And whereas, Captain Hall, is the first African-American woman to serve as fire captain for the Fulton County Fire Rescue Department as well as within the city of South Fulton Fire and Rescue Department. And whereas, Captain Hall was granted the great honor of delivering the Pledge of Allegiance at the 59th U.S. presidential inauguration of Joe R. Biden and Vice President, Kamala D. Harris on the steps of the United States Capitol in Washington DC on January 20th, 2021. Whereas, Captain Hall, gained international accolades, when she chose to sign and verbally speak the Pledge of Allegiance at the inauguration to include 600,000 Americans who are hearing impaired. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends this exemplary service of Captain Andrea Hall and express our great pride of her representation of Fulton County and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, January 20th, 2021, as Captain Andrea Hall appreciation day in Fulton County, Georgia. And on the note that it is Black History Month, I am proud that I am giving this to you on behalf of Fulton County for the great work that you have gone and will continue to do. And we are going to give you a few moments to give remarks."

**CAPTAIN ANDREA M. HALL:** "First of all, thank you. I am honored to receive this by -- first of all, Commissioner Khadijah, I appreciate you recognizing me and the commissioners. First, I just want to say how humbled I am by this, because this came out of such a benign effort on my part to just demonstrate my love and appreciation for firefighters around the world. And for the deaf and hearing -- hard of hearing community. I had no idea that any of this would come out of it. So I just want to say thank you so much. I appreciate your recognition. And I hope that I can continue to make you guys proud. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Congratulations."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The last proclamation is recognizing National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame appreciation day sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Chair, I would like to take this moment to present this as well. This proclamation whereas the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation Incorporated, was founded in 1986 and is dedicated to sustaining and growing historically black colleges and universities known as HBCUs through alumni recognition, scholarship training, and technical assistance, and programs to promote humanitarian involvement. And whereas, the mission of the National Black

College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation is to serve as catalysts and partners for ensuring the stability, strength, and excellence of the nation's historically black colleges and universities. And whereas, the foundation pledges to partner with alumni, administrative, students, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and others to provide enhanced technical and financial resources to HBCUs on an ongoing basis. Develop, coordinate, and execute events to raise funds for new and existing programs that support HBCUs, youth campuses, students, and National Alumni Association and to encourage students attending HBCUs to take pride in their institutions and in the community surrounding them. And whereas, the programs and the initiatives of the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation are designed and implemented to highlight the accomplishment of HBCUs through their graduates, and students; they include the positive image programs; call to womanhood, and call to manhood, symposiums, the legacy lecture series, the Speakers Bureau, and the Andrew Young Emerging Leaders Institute. And whereas, under the leadership of founder and Chairman, Tommy Dortch, Jr., the foundation just celebrated its 35th anniversary and pledges to continue to preserve and highlight the significant contribution of HBCUs and its graduates. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Fulton County Board of Commissioners commends the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation for its continued support of all HBCUs and celebrates with them on the occasion of the 35th anniversary and does hereby proclaim Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021, as National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation appreciation day in Fulton County, Georgia. And it is with immense pride that we have our first African-American female vice president who is a product of a HBCU. So I commend you, Tommy Dortch, and I would like for you make a few moments of remarks, please."

**TOMMY DORTCH:** "This is a tremendous honor, and I thank you, Commissioner Abdur-Rahman for this great honor for the foundation. I have five children, and all five children are graduates of HBCUs. As a matter fact, my oldest son, was the clerk of the Fulton County Commission for well over a decade. And so it's important -- because in the early 30's, we had over 235 HBCUs. Today, we only have 105. And when I graduated from high school, I had limited number of HBCUs -- I mean a number of colleges that I could attend. Most of the majority of schools wanted me to come and play basketball, all-state basketball player, but I also missed a point, two percentage points in being the valedictorian. So I went to Fort Valley State. And so all of my children, my oldest daughter, Spellman, my oldest son went to Fort Valley. And then my next oldest daughter, Clark AU, and then my next boy to Fort Valley State, and my youngest, if he had been the first, he would have been my only, Thomas W. Dortch, III, went to Florida A&M University. So I want to thank you. And in Fulton County, here in Atlanta, the largest center of black higher education in the world: The Atlanta University Center. So I want to thank the commissioners. I want thank you for your leadership, and we will continue to work hard with these great institutions. We've given millions of dollars in scholarships. We intend to continue. So thank you and thank the Fulton County Commission for this honor. And you are a phenomenal commission for us here in the sixth district."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Thank you. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. Congratulations. Continue, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Public hearings, **21-0094**, Public comment. Citizens wishing to participate in the public comment register online to join the public comment portion of the zoom call or could submit public comment in by e-mail or by filling out the form located on the County website [www.fultoncountyGA.gov](http://www.fultoncountyGA.gov). Speakers will be granted up to two minutes each. The public will not be allowed to yield or donate time to other speakers. The public comment portion of the meeting will not exceed thirty minutes."

**DARYL CARVER:** "Sir, we have three public comments submitted online to us. The first of these is from Thomas Dean of Atlanta. In light of the recent runoff elections, I respectfully ask that the Board explore rank-choice selections as the way to streamline the election process and eliminate the wasteful expense of multiple runoff elections. I believe the rank-choice selections will increase voter participation. Help Fulton County and Atlanta be an efficient 21st century metropolis. Thank you."

**REGINA WALLER:** "The next comment is from Richard Corbin. Good morning. I come to you today to seek clarity on the ethics of the contracts between the Fulton County Attorney's Office and have you restore firm Bryant LLC, Attorneys at Law. This firm is being assigned work from the Fulton County attorney's office work in which presents a conflict of interest as they also represent clients that have a legal and monetary interest in these same matters. Specifically, my property was sold in a Fulton County sheriff sale. And after doing all the paperwork to get my property back, and secure the excess funds to pay for the property, I was informed that the firm of Ayoub, Mansour, and Bryant was assigned this matter. And Ms. Bryant will be reviewing my claim. This was after I informed the Fulton County attorney's office, Elizabeth Roberts Portia Lackey, that Ms. Bryant's firm was the firm I owed the money to as they were representing the party that had purchased my property in the sale. From my very first day speaking with the firm of Ayoub, Mansour, and Bryant, I informed them that I felt that this was a conflict of interest and I was not comfortable with it. State Bar of Georgia Handbook states, Rule 1.7, conflict of interest, general rule, a lawyer shall not represent or continue to represent a client if there is a specific significant risk that the lawyer's own interest or the lawyer's duties to another client, a former client, or a third person will materially or adversely affect the representation of the client. I am a third person that was materially and adversely affected by representation of Fulton County by Ayoub, Mansour and Bryant LLC, Attorneys at Law. Ultimately, I was charged exorbitant fees by Ayoub, Mansour, and Bryant LLC for their client because of this conflict of interest. I have documented evidence of this. Furthermore, after bringing this to the attention of the Fulton County Attorney, the lead attorney for Ayoub, Mansour, and Bryant LLC reached out to me stating that he would give me a discount waiving all late fees that I have incurred because of his firm's lethargic movements. If I signed a paper discharging his firm, his client, and the Fulton County attorneys from any and all demands. I agreed and went to his office to sign the paperwork with a check in hand."

However, when I arrived, he added the Fulton County Sheriff's Office to this list. Something we never spoke about or agreed to. In fact, I specifically -- yes, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Would you sum it in about 15 seconds more?"

**REGINA WALLER:** "Yes, sir. He states that the slightest appearance of impropriety would typically be enough to prevent the firm from taking advantage of citizens and ask Fulton County please review the matter."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you."

**DARYL CARVER:** "The final of the written public comment we have is from Moshea John Jones, and its being read as an accommodation in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Fulton County municipal government, public health service contract, the River Edge, with the Board unjustifiably renewed contract for 2021, 15 point something million dollars is engaged in anti-Semitic medical treatment and services utilizing public government dollars that is not scientifically, but based on eugenics. Which could be proved pretty obviously with thousands of Fulton County patients and medical records. [inaudible] Justifiably in their treatment of what type of medical services they are to receive, positive or negative stereotyping, subjective treatment, nonscientific medically base. That is all."

**DARREN SMITH, IT DEPARTMENT:** "Mr. Chairman, we have one. Mr. Ben Howard for public comments. Mr. Howard?"

**BEN HOWARD:** "Thank you. Greetings, Commissioners. And greetings also to you citizens and voters of Fulton County who are watching and/or listening to your County government in action. Ben Howard, Senior Advocate Public Policy Analyst. Kudos to Mona Scott and to all the volunteers at Bowden and the other senior multipurpose facilities who are contacting senior citizens to ascertain the degree of wellness of those senior citizens and to in part pertinent life-enhancement information. The Office of Aging and Youth has announced that the Commissioner on Elderly Affairs will resume meetings on the second Friday of each month, virtually, of course. Permit me to suggest that the agendas for the meetings for the Commission on Elderly Affairs as well as the Commission on Disability Affairs and other boards and commissions to include the setting and publicizing of their goals and objectives for this year. I would also recommend that steps be taken to preserve the intellectual property such as brochures, pamphlets, and instructional guidelines produced by County-supported agencies such as the Council on Aging and the South Fulton Senior Services. Those reference materials could help enhance the lives of future senior citizens. 2021, may citizen participation be on our plate and may civic engagement be on our palate."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else? "

**DARREN SMITH, IT DEPARTMENT:** "Mr. Chairman that concludes public comments."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. That concludes the public comments section of our agenda. Madam Clerk, continue please."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On the bottom of page 6, County Manager items under Open and Responsible Government, **21-0095**, presentation of COVID-19 operational response update."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Manager."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, sir. Good morning, Mr. Chairman and commissioners. We will discuss the COVID trends as well as the testing and vaccination results with the recognition of a serious public health challenge that we face. We are without our quarterback this morning. As already been mentioned, Matt Kallmyer's father passed away yesterday. So hopefully everyone will remember him in your thoughts and prayers as he makes his way through this difficult journey. By having over 30,000 new cases in December and January, we have far eclipsed the summer spike of 17,000 over a two-month window. So this underscores that this is clearly a second wave. You will hear today that our daily case rate has declined from 780 to 385, so that's good news. But our death rates have increased corresponding to the increasing cases. And all of that, of course, is creating capacity issues in our healthcare providers. At this point, we have managed our capacity at our morgue and still have excess capacity based on our planning that we did now some months ago. We continue to test at a pretty rapid rate over 6,000 per day is the current level of testing, and we've tested over 1.45 million; of course still leading the state of Georgia as well as metro counties by a large margin. And that will continue, and we plan to continue that going forward. So just to disabuse anyone that may be listening, as vaccines come online, that does not mean it's mutually exclusively with testing as we'll continue that program. However, vaccines do continue to climb. We've now administered over 30,000. You will hear we have approximately 13,000 scheduled this week, and I think we've improved our communication efforts significantly, and put the reservation system in a mode where it can be managed with a waitlist and identification of folks coming through that reservation system at a managed number. We'll continue in that posture for the foreseeable future because scheduling any further out than one week is not available, given the fact that we do not know as what's report; for example, in the AJC this morning, no health district knows what their supply vaccines will be until the vaccines are delivered that week. So we'll talk more about that as Doug talks through some of the reporting and Dr. Paxton summarizes. We have developed though a vaccine plan. So one of the things we have focused on is putting all the key metrics in place to drive a number of vaccines at around 60,000 per month. We have built back from that the staffing, the resources, the locations, the mobile sites. All of it would have to come to bear to achieve that. And we reviewed that yesterday as a team. So we'll be well on the way of putting now fundamental plans together that we are using the monies that you allowed us to allocate in the budget for emergency response to this plan. We also have been meeting with the leadership of Mercedes-Benz Stadium,

Steve Cannon, specifically who's the CEO of Arthur Blank's organization. He has been very involved with his staff. That location is already, as you'll see now producing about 50 percent of the results that we're achieving. More importantly, I think it represents the possibility -- now I think this is aspirational at this point in time -- but the possibility of doing 15,000 tests per day. And that is the Mercedes-Benz team's stated goal. So we will be working with them to achieve that aspirational goal, again contingent upon not only the clinical staff, but also the vaccine supplies that will be necessary. But I want to commend them publicly for their community-mindedness, now only in voting, but in vaccine delivery. We're also targeting specific efforts, and we'll talk with you today to our seniors, specifically ones of color, and we're going to leverage our Senior Center Transportation and Outreach to clients that we already have. And they're around 4,000 of those, Pamela Roshell and Anna Roach, have been working hard on a plan to use our capabilities with transportation, with counseling and vaccine delivery. And targeting those set of folks that we know quite well. So we're excited about that. The trial actually starts today and we'll cover you on the details relative to that. We'll also working with Jessica Corbitt's leadership on broader media messaging, social as well as digital and traditional, that will be messaging to communities of color specifically, but also, anyone who has a hesitancy about the vaccine. Because at some point, we believe supply will be higher than demand and that will be an important piece of what we do to drive vaccine adoption in Fulton County to the highest levels possible. In addition, we'll talk today about our reopening plans with a specific note on the Tax Commissioner offices. We have been working closely with Dr. Ferdinand to mitigate the lines that have existed since the state system came back online a few weeks ago after being out of service for a week and a half. I think we have used creativity as well as some manual processes to move folks out of the cold and into our buildings as well as giving them the ability to remain in their cars and be called closer to the time of their appointment. And so I want to commend Dr. Ferdinand and his staff for thinking creatively. In addition, what will most impact the alliance is the reopening of Greenbrier and 141 Prior tax offices. So we'll talk about that in Anna's report, and again, have good progress, I think, in being able to bring both of those offices back online. We flushed out the approach to distribute the 18 million in emergency rental and utility assistance, so we will talk about that today with the plan that we have put together. As I sent you last night, you'll hear that current federal guidance does not allow us to send to sub recipients, be it cities or nonprofits at this point in time. And I want to underscore that. Things could change as they did with the CARES program, but as we sit here today, that's not allowed, based on both the County attorney office opinion as well as outside counsel. And as long as -- again, my name is the signature on that receipt. That's what we're going to stay with. And we'll continue to use the 45.7 that again you've allocated to us for all other health and operational needs and we'll be getting, as you can see, an emergency purchase already to make commitments in that vein. So Mr. Chairman, with that, we'll start with Chief Operating Officer, Anna Roach, and then we'll finish with where we are with the funding that we've been allocated with the chief financial officer."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you, Mr. Manager. Madam COO? Madam COO?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Good morning, Mr. Chairman, and good morning, Members of the Board. We've got quite a bit to cover with you this morning, so we'll try to go quickly but completely through the slides and be sure to leave enough time for the Board to engage with questioning. Again, all of the Fulton County team, commissioners, staff, and our clients, our hearts go out to Matt Kallmyer as he suffered a tremendous loss, as the manager mentioned this morning. So just wanted to quickly mention him and let him know that he's in our thoughts. With that, I will kick it over to Matt's team now who is going to hold the fort down for him while he is not with us today. So Doug and Alton, I will turn it over to you all. You're on mute. There you go.

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Sound check. Sound check. We good. Can you hear us now?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, BOH:** Yes, we can hear you."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Okay, thank you. Good morning, Commissioners. Mr. Anderson, a great job of summarizing. I hope to show you visually some of the things he talked about in his opening remarks. As you know, I like to start off generally with a kind of a broad look at the United States. The darker colors on this map obviously represent the more communicable -- the darker colors are where the sickest part of the nation is. As you can see from January 1 to February 1, the nation does look a little healthier. Not a lot healthier, but you can see improvement in the United States in the one-month period since January 1st. Next slide. Taking a closer look at Georgia; Georgia was really at our worse around January 18th. And that was the last meeting that we had, and you could see the darker colors on the left. While the colors are still pretty dark on the right-hand side, there's been a definite improvement in Georgia, and I'm going to talk a lot about positive trends and the like. But I just want everybody to remember that this is still an unhealthy picture. And when you compare it to our summertime highs, and really what is considered anything close to being manageable, we still are in a very dangerous zone. So I want to encourage -- while these slides are encouraging, we want to continue to encourage all the social distancing measures that have been in place in -- in our County for some time. Georgia now ranks 18th in the country as far as communicability. And we continue to try to maybe work our way out of the top 20. Next slide. Also, we've come to the end of another month. I particularly like this slide quite a bit, because it gives you a very good historical view. And so at the top, we have the cases by month for Fulton County and, at the bottom, we have the deaths per month for Fulton County attributed to COVID. And I'd like to kind of -- you can look early on in last spring where the death rate -- even though our case rate was low, the death rate was fairly high. And we didn't know a lot about COVID at the time. People really didn't have access to testing or the healthcare. And so as healthcare improved, the death rate improved obviously for COVID. But you can also see, on the top part of the slide, starting in September where we were kind of at our low, the second wave that started in the blue bars moving all the way up to January. We've often talked about death been a lagging indicator and I think it's demonstrated pretty clearly in this slide with our huge spike in cases in December, you're now seeing a spike in deaths, COVID-

related deaths here in the month of January with our highest month total ever. We've lost 156 people. So let's bring attention to the last blue bar on the right, which is our highest month ever for cases. Most of that was frontloaded. And so that being said, if deaths are about three weeks behind the caseload, we expect that -- we hope that the death toll isn't as high, but we expect to be at a higher death rate, at least for another week or two. On the right-hand side, you can see our seven-day average for cases has really been cut in half almost from 780 on January 4th, to 385. That 385, like I said, is still an unhealthy number, but that's definitely encouraging. And then while our deaths are up 300 percent since January 1st from a 1.6 average to seven-day average to a 5.7. Next slide. And then quickly I'll run you through what we call our dashboard. As you can see, starting on the far left in the green is our testing metric. Mr. Anderson rightly said that we have put testing -- continue to put testing as an important part of what we're doing. And continue really to test at a level between eight and 6,000 really since mid-September. There is a little up and down based on holiday schedules, but we've been pretty much in that area for a while. Next to the right, you'll see Fulton County's daily cases, and you see the seven-day trend line where we were at a high just at the beginning around Christmastime, and then kind of did drop below, but we're still above our summertime highs. And the metric that I really like to -- that is really telling is the hospital bed census, which you see the blue, which peaked at 1,036, and our summertime high was 600 for comparison. And really, anything over 500 puts us in a severe shortage of beds. So Fulton County for quite some time now has been a shortage of beds. The Georgia World Congress Center is still open because we're still in a dangerous area. And they are just about full. They took 20 new patients yesterday and they plan to be open as an overflow through the end of February at least. But it is encouraging, because we were at a seven-day average of about 1,010, and we're down to 805. So there has been a definite turn in the right direction, and then I'll talk to you about the deaths on the previous slide. Our death toll for the length of the incident is about 2.5 per day. And for the last three weeks or so, we've been over five percent. So we'll continue to monitor that information. Next slide. I'm going to end with the scorecard and kind of reiterate what I said. Our testing has really kind of been between that in that 6,000 range. It's been down slightly over the last four days. We are still testing at over to twice what the CDC recommends for a County or population of our size. And so we feel good about that testing effort. Also, another thing to note, if the testing volume remains about the same, the percent positives have a lot more meaning. So our time to receive results is still in that 36 to 72 hour range for the PCR test. Our cases have dropped from a high of 780 on January 2nd to 381. So we are obviously still in a red condition. Our percent positives have dropped from 15.7 on January 10th to 10.7. And remember, a viable contact tracing is only achieved at levels below five percent. And so we hope that that trend continues. The hospitalization census on 01/12 was 1,010 for a seven-day average, and we're down to 805. And then the bed availability has really been in the red for almost five weeks now for both regular beds and CCU beds. The vent availability is hovering around 50 percent, and we have plenty of vents. And as I've told you, the deaths, we were at 2.5 on January 1st and 5.8 as of yesterday. The morgue census has dropped slightly from a high of 110 on January 4th down to 87. And this data is old. We've done 32,430 vaccines in the County to this point, and I'll get into that in some later slides. Next slide. So we always like to kind of

give you a summary of our testing activities as Mr. Anderson noted. Fulton County -- our up-to-date total is 1,458,842, based off of yesterday's numbers. So we're closing in quickly on the 1.5 million tests in Fulton County. And really, we crossed the 1 million boundary on December 2nd, and sometime early next week, we'll cross the 1.5 million boundary, which means we've done a half million tests in just over two months. So a pretty -- a pretty awesome effort in that respect. As you can see, the neighboring health districts actually didn't have as much growth over the last period because they limited some of their testing options just to kind of -- you know, help people to concentrate on the vaccine effort. I want to bring to note that we're still doing about 23 percent of the state's total of testing in Fulton County. Our demand is steady right around 6,000 a day plus or minus. And then bring note that we have now contracted with MAKO to conduct our testing at our central SPOC. And next week, MAKO will take over testing at our South SPOC at the Wolf Creek Amphitheater thus allowing our coalition -- clinicians to focus on the vaccine mission. CORE will continue to assist with the mobile testing. We're not going to -- that is so important for us to get into the neighborhoods that we need to get into, and --and they will help out -- again, continue to help out with the contact tracing effort with a door-to-door effort, and they are also providing some nonclinical vaccine support at that time, and we may be able to expand that role too, if needed. Next slide. All right. I'm going to give you a vaccine update, where we are at this time. Next slide. So just kind of go through the dashboard real quick. As of February 1st, we had given 22,670 first doses and seven -- 7,375 second doses. Once again, we've tested 1.545 million people in the County. This week is our most aggressive week to date. We have 5,000 first doses scheduled and 8,500 second doses scheduled. And we are monitoring the waiting list as you see, and we'll talk more about that later. But we pulled for the first and second doses from the waiting list, and that's where we are. Next slide. So total vaccines administered, like I said, our total now is 32,430 after yesterday. We had our largest day ever yesterday with over 2,000 vaccinated in the County. Mercedes-Benz is the lion's share with over -- I think we are 14,000 there now. And as you can see at the North Point location, we actually crossed the 10,000 boundary last night. And then our combined testing that we did at the amphitheater and now at Aviation, are both represented in the gray and the yellow. The Board of Health is doing some testing at their Park Place location, and then also, the number at the top is our long-term care facilities, which has been updated to be over 300 at this point. We have a partnership right now for a mobile solution with Tuxedo Pharmacy, and they've been helping us reach those long-term care facilities that did not get enrolled in time in the CVS/Walgreen programs. So we're glad to finally be reaching that group of people. Next slide. This is a quick look at -- who we vaccinated. And, as you can see, we've done 5,150 public safety vaccinations, over 16,600 people over 65 and caregivers. And then doctors and dentists and nurses that aren't associated with the larger hospitals unaffiliated, we've done 7,500 of those. And then the Board of Health and SPOCs that really represent about 400 people, but since we are, you know, that their second shots are incorporated there. Next slide. I'm going turn it over to Jessica to talk about the communications, piece. Is she available?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "All right. Good morning. I apologize for that. Good morning, Jessica Corbitt, Director of External Affairs. Thank

you, Doug. We are continuing to work very closely with the Board of Health communications team on ensuring that residents have the information they need to take action, and that people are informed about the appointment process. We know that -- at this time, although the Board of Health and other partners are doing incredible work, the majority of people in Fulton County have not yet been vaccinated. We know that they will -- or we hope that they will in coming weeks and months. So it's still important for us to communicate about how people can keep themselves safe. So I'm just going to give a couple of quick updates and emphasize some of our key messages. So one question that came up during the last Board of Commissioners meeting was about the residents on the waiting list and what happens after they are on that list. So we can confirm that the Board of Health has distributed an update to the individuals on the e-mail waiting list to let them know sort of what the process is. To let them know that they can expect to have appointments at least every week. As you heard from earlier in this report, we don't know every week how many appointments we will be able to release, so once that is determined, then a portion of the group will be notified that appointments are available. They can sign up and then on and on. We do not send out a blast to everyone on the list, because that would overwhelm the system and would cause it to crash and potentially double book. So that's how the process works. We have a number of FAQs based on social listening and responses we're receiving from constituents and the like. And you can find those at [fultoncountyGA.gov/covidvaccine](http://fultoncountyGA.gov/covidvaccine). We are also continuing to provide updates in the weekly e-mail blasts that our office distributes. We're also seeing that in others -- that content being repurposed by others. Dr. Paxton has done a wonderful job of communicating in the press, and I'm sure you'll hear from her in a few minutes. And there were stories. She was quoted today's newspaper, stories on Channel 11 last week, for example, talking about the appointment process. And that will be ongoing throughout the vaccination period. We're also providing information to our cities, so I'm starting to see some of the same information we're providing being amplified by our cities and other partners. So everyone who helps share that message as one more person we're potentially reaching. The Board of Health is hosting an update, specifically for elected officials that will be held later this week. And we also will be having an update about the vaccine process in our mayors' meeting on Friday. We are continuing to work on additional outreach and marketing about -- to address vaccine hesitancy as the supplies are stabilized. So we're not in a position to do that right now because as you've heard, we don't know day to day, week to week, how much vaccine we will have; but we're very closely monitoring the federal government activities around vaccine and looking also at other partners. You've probably heard, for example, that some major corporations like Budweiser are giving up their Super Bowl advertising to repurpose those dollars into public awareness about the vaccine. So there will be a lot of people talking about the vaccine. Our goal will be to talk about the impact here in Fulton County at a local level. We're also very sensitive to the issues of health equity and I'm sure many of you have read reporting about that issue. So that will be part of our communications strategy as well. And that's all for me, and I will be available at the end for questions if there are any. Thank you."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER: "Next slide."**

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**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Thank you. Jessica, as the County Manager talked about, we've got a solid vaccine plan in place, so this is a slide that kind of summarizes it. I'm going to take you little bit around it, but, you know, to be successful in our model, these four things are very key components that we pay attention to in our planning efforts every day. Obviously, supply, comms and infrastructure, our distribution locations, and staffing. In supply, it's our goal to build our capacity both in infrastructure and personnel to meet the supply as it increases. We've been fairly successful doing that; managing staffing and some other things. We continue to manage doses by location, vaccine type, first shot, second shot. As we grow, that will become more complex. Under distribution, we're going to continue to leverage partnerships. Like the Manager said, for example, with Mercedes-Benz is working behind-the-scenes that if the spicket gets turned on, we could increase our footprint at Mercedes-Benz exponentially. And also leverage partnerships, you know, around the County as when we have the ability to grow that we're poised and ready to do that and we can turn our resources on. Plotting security is very important to the vaccine sites, and then we're going to really emphasize Mobile Solutions for equitable distribution of the vaccine. Ms. Roach, will give you a little more information about on that here shortly. But it's definitely part of our plan and we need to make that a priority and have to this point. Communications and infrastructure, Jessica just gave us a great brief on that, but one of our biggest challenges as y'all know is when the vaccine rollout came about that each health districts are kind of left to their own, and we are able to kind of patch the system and meter what's going through based on our wait list. And it's been fairly successful -- really kind of successful for the last couple of weeks. I will say that as long as demand is much, much higher than supply, we understand the frustration; but we're moving to a point here very shortly where the State-mandated MS dynamic system will hopefully integrate and make our lives better. And also feed data directly into the GRITS immunization data system for the State. So we're looking forward to that happening possibly mid-February. And then staffing: Just ramping the scale, would require, you know, additional dedicated 50 clinicians beginning this month if we get an increase. So we, like I said, that's all part of being poised for our team to grow is to have the staff both clinical and nonclinical that are ready to put shots in arms. And so that's a little bit of an overview of the vaccine plan. And then I'm going to turn it over to Ms. Roach to talk about our health equity initiative."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Commissioners, as you are aware, there has been a national conversation that the County has not been deaf towards. That specifically focuses on ensuring that all communities have full access to our vaccination program. And in fact, full access to everything related to addressing this pandemic. And so our team has been constantly communicating about how we do our best to expand access to everyone in both testing as well as vaccinations. Vaccinations are particularly complicated because as the nation faces shortages in vaccines to cover phases that we aspire to complete, we know that that issue in particular, access to the number of doses to cover Phase 1A as an example, is something we continue to struggle to -- struggle to achieve even to this day. And so we are having those conversations. We do want to make sure that the limited doses that we have access to

are administered to all communities, not just to a concentrated within a certain community. And so what we have come up with is a way we feel as an appropriate way and an exciting and good way to address the equity issue within the vaccine distribution program at Fulton County. As you know, the Board of Health, as I mentioned before, is not receiving adequate doses to cover everyone in Phase 1A. We also have, at this link, an enrollment system into our vaccination program that is primarily electronic. And so for those that don't have access to a computer, that further exacerbates the access issue. We're also very aware about the high degree of hesitation -- vaccine hesitation among the African-American community and other communities as well. What we have come up with as a team, I think is a creative way to leverage the infrastructure that we have within our senior services department to help address some of those issues. We presented a proposal to the Board of Health and thankfully have the support of the district health director, Dr. Paxton, to implement a program that reserves 2,500 doses of vaccines on a monthly basis to run a program where we would work with current members of our senior services community to transport them from their homes to vaccine centers to be vaccinated as I'm very excited about that partnership and I'm going to use a slide or two to overview what our plan is in that regard. Next slide. Essentially, there are three primary components to this program model that was presented and accepted by the Board of Health. First we would use -- we would target our Fulton County senior multipurpose neighborhood and adult day centers. We would then activate Star Line, which is our primary mode of communicating with our seniors in our current program model, and we would use that mode of communication, which our seniors are very use to, to help us schedule appointments with seniors who are willing to take vaccination appointments. And that's an important point, because even as we see in the implementation of the pilot right now, there are some seniors that we are contacting that are refusing the vaccine. So one of the good components of this program that we wanted to implement, was to refer that senior to counseling and education with the Board of Health or another partner to see if we could change their mind or approach about wanting to get the vaccine. So in terms of enrollment, I think we have a good solid program using Star Line with an added component of educating seniors in hopes that they will become more open to taking the vaccine in instances where they had hesitancy. On the appointment side; again, very proud to have the support and approval of both the County Manager to use the senior services platform to administer the program, but equally important, the support of Dr. Paxton, who has, with Dr. Holland, allowed us to reserve 2,500 doses to test this program, to expand access to vaccinations. We do have a schedule which is Monday, Wednesday, Friday of each week. We've identified a location, which is the Aviation Cultural Community Center, to run this program out of. I worked with Doug Schuster to identify that location. Because of the high volumes at the other locations, aviation was ideal for this program because it gave us the flexibility to incorporate it in the current volume of appointments out of aviation. On vaccination day, we hope for those seniors who need it to leverage Uber, Lyft, our partnership with Uber Lyft as well as our transportation contractor, Transdev, to provide transportation of our seniors to their appointments for vaccination. We've also incorporated a component using the current senior services staff to provide escort services to the appointments. We imagined that our senior population has a high level or may have a high level of anxiety with respect to vaccinations. And so we believe that

having someone of a concierge or escort services to ease the process of filling out forms, et cetera, for our seniors would be an added value component as well. Return transportation, if transportation was provided to the appointment, return transportation is also arranged, and we are working with Star Line to provide a courtesy follow-up call following the appointment to ensure that our seniors had a good experience and that they have no side effects that weren't observed while they were at the vaccination location. Second dose consistent with the Board of Health's current protocol, is scheduled at the time of the first dose. So the good thing about this is that once they enter the vaccination program through this pilot, they then become or are integrated into the Board of Health process at their first appointment with the enrollment for their second dose through the normal challenge -- the normal channels. So that is a summary of the program again. We have the support of the County executive leadership as well as the Board of Health, and we're really excited and happy to announce that today is the first day of our piloting of the program. So with your indulgence, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to ask Dr. Roshell to give us some details about her work with Ladisa on kicking this program off and how the first day, which is today, has been planned and how it's going. Dr. Roshell."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you, Madam COO. Good morning, Pamela Roshell, Deputy Chief Operating Officer. As has been stated, the pilot kicked off today with a small cohort of seniors, up to 40 seniors received invitation calls for appointments at aviation which starts today at 1:30. Those seniors had the option of using our transportation offerings or transporting themselves to the center. In order to get to the -- up to 40 seniors, we made 218 calls. Our staff made 218 calls. We then booked those appointments. Out of those calls, 22 percent of our seniors declined. We will be following up with those seniors who would like more information who've expressed hesitancy due to fear or misinformation. We also found that 17 percent have already been vaccinated. So that was good to hear. And we, of course, will make sure that they have their second appointment. We had a small percentage that did already have an appointment scheduled with Board of Health, and we encouraged them to keep that appointment. We had five percent of the seniors today that requested transportation and, again, as Ms. Roach indicated, we will follow up with wellness checks this week. We also have instituted an appointment reminder system. Some of the trends indicate that there is a high degree of missed appointments. And so we certainly don't want our seniors to fall into that category. Over the next two weeks, we will continue to work with the BOH team at Aviation to introduce this small cohort. And then we will ramp up operations to the 208 per week. Ultimately, we will integrate another component, which will include a mobile strike team that will deliver the vaccines at the four multipurpose centers on a rotating basis over the next few months. Madam COO that concludes my update."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Okay. Thank you, Dr. Roshell. Mr. Chairman that concludes the COVID update and the Board of Health update, as well as the vaccination summary. And with your permission, we would like to entertain questions from the Board of Commissioners on any of those three sections."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, Commissioners."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes, Chair. I just wanted to thank the County Manager and the COO for responding quickly to the situation out in South Fulton Annex. When I came on Friday, the line was wrapped around the building. And I want to personally take this time to thank the District Six staff for helping me to manage that situation out at the South Fulton Annex. I would just humbly ask -- first of all, thank you the County manager's office. We do see a difference over here. But I would just ask in the future for us to be more proactive. There were a lot of seniors. There were a lot of disabled people that were affected by our slow reaction to it. But I'm glad to see that there is a difference. I'm glad to see that we have went from the line being around the building to just a handful at the door. And the -- the things that my office, in conjunction with your office, put in place did make the difference. So I would just ask in the future when decisions are made by the Tax Commissioner that's going to affect, especially my district, especially my district and Commissioner Arrington's district, because it did greatly impact our constituents that we stand in the gap. That we make sure that we are little bit more proactive and make sure that we have the commitment and the consistency to make sure that we serve the constituents. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else? Any other questions?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Ms. Roach, are we going to have something from Dr. Paxton, or this concludes your --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DISTRICT HEALTH DIRECTOR, BOH:** "I'm here to answer questions. I mean, like I tend to go on and on anyways. So the point is, you can just feel free to ask me questions, I'm here to answer them."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "All right. Just three quick ones. We did have a little glitch -- first of all, let me say things -- things are -- down at Mercedes-Benz were terrific. I did -- I did have my vaccine the other day there, and it was -- it was very smooth all the way around. It was a little windy to walk from the parking deck to the gate, but that was -- that was not the County's fault back then. But there was a little glitch when I got my notification about the shot when it asked me for the date of the first shot and I put in there and it said -- and I think that was January 11th, and it said sorry, we're not taking second shot appointments for folks who were -- who were later than January 19th or whatever. And so I had to plug in a January 1st date. Has that glitch been fixed?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "I'm sorry, I'm not quite sure -- in terms of -- if we say glitch, we are sending out those e-mails. They're supposed to go out between two to five days, you know, before the person's."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "When I put -- when I put my first shot date in, it said we're not taking -- we're not taking second appointments for shots."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "So -- so, as if I can understand. So were you actually more than five days before your shot was due?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Oh no, no, no. I had to plug in an artificial date for my first shot. It was -- my second shot was well after -- after the date where --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "-- maybe what we can do is talk about this off line because I'm not -- I'd have to try to figure out exactly what this --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "-- yeah, fine, fine. I don't know how it's going these days, but I got a heads up that I needed to plug in a different date."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Yeah, because we don't want that to happen."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Right. Right. And a lot of folks might not have known how to do that. I guess my second question is, I saw somewhere that -- first of all, I learned that we -- we have to have staff to actually mix the vaccine that the vial -- I assume that each vial had one vaccine dose in it, and you just brought it out or whatever and shot it in someone's arm. But I understand that we have to have staff to sort of mix them."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "For the Pfizer. The Pfizer has to be mixed."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "And Moderna does not. It comes in individual doses."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "No, no. They're not individual doses. Still a multidose vial, but at least you don't have mix it. You just pull off the doses as it's a 10-dose vial. So you pull off the 10 doses from one vial."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Okay, the Pfizer is five doses?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Well, five -- actually, consistently we're getting about six, so they're now going to do sort of a switcheroo there and sort of base their allocation based on six --"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "That was my -- that was my question, because I read somewhere where they were now allowing six out of a vial instead of five."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Well, actually in a way, it kind of in a way almost hurts us because before we could consider those a bonus and we do that, but now that Pfizer knows that they're consistent, we're consistently getting six, they've

been talking about reducing -- they're going to base their allocation based on the six per vial, so we'll get fewer vials. So that didn't necessarily work out in our benefit."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "But there's no reduction in efficiency and effectiveness and that sort of thing from a smaller amount of a vial."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Oh, no."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "But we're doing that. We're taking the six out of the -- out the vial now."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Oh yeah, we've always been doing that, you know, however many doses that we get, we do that. We use them."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "The last question may be for Mr. Schuster. You know, on all the testing numbers, we've counted all the tests provided by our partners, the hospitals and the County and other testers. I guess we don't have that capacity as to counting the vaccinations countywide because all these numbers that you provided to us are Board of Health vaccinations, not all of the other folks giving vaccinations in the County. I guess there's no way really for us to track that -- the vaccination by other folks in the County?"

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "And so that's a great question, sir. I appreciate it. As you all well know, early on when we were gathering metrics on testing, it really took me almost two months to garner the partnerships with the local hospitals and CVS and Walgreens. And that -- that effort's still going on right now. I've -- like I can tell you for instance, Emory's done over 40,000 tests. But until i holistically get the hospital count and the CVS, Walgreens, and the Publix, which I'm working on, but right now, to tell you the truth, they don't have a good way of reporting that. The state is going to start capturing at least the hospital information to be easier for me to get. But our goal is to give you, once again, kind of the worldwide Fulton County view of vaccinations. But right now, the information is sparse, and we are really working to get it every day. So that's our goal. We'll see the same type of presentation with vaccine in the future just as soon as we get to that information. So the other entities are kind of playing catch up to where we are, so."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "That's great, Mr. Schuster. Thank you for that info. Because obviously somebody's got to know how we're doing statewide on the 65 plus, so we know when we can go to phase 1B."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Just quickly, I will -- I want to interject one more thing. From my conversations with our partners, it looks like our health district is getting about a quarter of the state supply which means hospitals obviously and the commercial partners are getting their share. And so right now, you know, that could obviously change, especially with our capability to expand at Mercedes-Benz. But that's kind of the planning effort, without knowing our supply as it has been stated many times. Just

for instance, we got half of our allotment this week as we did the prior week. But so -- for me to plan, I had to know kind of what our percentage of the pie was, and that's where we are. So like I said I'm -- the better I have an understanding of what's going on around us, we won't duplicate efforts and we could be better partners throughout the County."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yeah. Again, Phase 1B includes teachers and then I think we need to get to that phase as soon as we possibly can. Thank you. I appreciate the information."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Hall followed by Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I'd like to get in the queue too, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Then Commissioner Hausmann."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you so much for the presentation and all the great things that are being implemented to help reduce the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths. And also to try to get as many people vaccinated as possible. A couple of things: Just to address some things residents have; poses questions to me. The residents are still saying that they're having difficulty making appointments online and that there is a waitlist system. Can you speak more to this waitlist system? Get some clarity to that."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Okay. So I guess I'll take unless Jessica wants to do it. Simply that -- to make it as equitable as possible, what we do is we put everyone on a waitlist, so they can either access -- they can either go to the website, and if they have internet access they can leave the information there. And when they leave their information there, they're sent a welcoming e-mail to acknowledge that we have their information, and that they will be notified when a slot opens up for them. For people who do not have Internet access, they can call our call center. And then the same thing will happen; they will be -- their information will be taken by a live representative, and they will be put onto the waitlist that way."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. And currently, how many people do we approximately have on the waitlist through the website and the waitlist through the call center?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "It's the same. There was a mistake on the slide that was sent to you. You know, most people who access through the -- through the -- either Internet base or through the telephone base. They're all put on a waitlist, so come -- you know, you're not more likely to be on the waitlist if you call in versus using the Internet because they all go onto the waitlist. I believe I have -- I'm

just trying to see if I have that information about how many are calling in versus using the Internet. But I don't actually have that right in front of me."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. Please, if you can, e-mail it to me, or have someone from your team e-mail it to me. Because that is another one of the constituents questions. Also --"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "-- I'm sorry. Can I just -- so to give you a better answer. What specifically is their concern about the number of accessing via telephone versus the Internet?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I don't know what their concern is. I just have some questions right here on a piece of paper. I've been writing down the constituents questions that I haven't been able to answer, as they have been listening to this BOC meeting presentation. So I'm asking them because they're asking me to ask them for them because they can't do it themselves. I was also told that anyone over the age of 18 can walk into any of our locations and receive a vaccination."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Absolutely not. Yes, we are aware. We are appointment only. And we're also only in Tier 1, and Tier 1A comprises of healthcare workers, you know, and people who are over the age of 65, and of course residents and staff of long-term care facilities, and first responders. And so again, we're also appointment only. So please, discourage anyone from that. That's a myth -- I don't know how they got out. But no, no, we do not take walk ins. Everything is by appointment only. And they have to be in the Tier that we're currently in which is Tier 1A."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Great. Thank you for that. And can you reassure residents about -- I believe it's a myth. But there are reports of people dying after they get the vaccination, and so, there's some concerns in the community about that. Can you provide some insight in to that?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "And, yes, I can. There have been no deaths linked to any of the vaccinations. And remembered there have been millions of vaccinations administered. You know, obviously, what sometimes happens, you know, that life continues despite, you know, unrelated to vaccinations. So, you know, somebody can be vaccinated and then be run over by a car, you know that day. But it's obviously not linked to the vaccination. And so we have similar things -- vaccinated -- I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Let me turn this off. So, yes, there are, you know, so somebody could -- if you're vaccinating an elderly population, then it's going to be expected that there -- some of those people would have died anyway, but it's not linked to the vaccine. There is a very robust adverse event system linked to all of these vaccines, so that they're following every report of adverse results and severe adverse reactions and deaths. And so -- everything is investigated. If there is a death -- even if it's a death by getting run over by a bus; if it occurs within a certain time period, it is reported into the system and then it is investigated. And so, we know there have been no deaths that have been associated with the vaccines."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you, for that. And I think this question is probably for Dr. Roshell. It's about the Cohort -- the Cohort. Is Dr. Roshell still there?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, ma'am."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Dr. Roshell, so the question is – oh, and thank you for this program because it is really needed. But the question is: How were the seniors selected for Cohort? And what area or neighborhood were they selected from?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you, Commissioner Hall. So in the first Cohort calls are for seniors at the four multipurpose facilities, who are 65 and older, are put into our random selection app and names are randomly selected. And so, the eligibility is that if you are a registered senior at one of our four multipurpose facilities that's: Mills, Darnell, Bowden, or Benson, and you're 65 years or older, your name has been identified based on your age. And then the random selector chooses those names and those constituents are then called by staff."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "So what metrics are in place to make sure that our Cohort is successful?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "So a few things: 1. We have put in place assistance with completing the Moderna consent form and answering questions. We're offering transportation by Uber/Lyft or Trans-Dev for those that need it. We're also allowing a spouse of a registered participant to accompany them and to also get a vaccine since they're in the same home. We have instituted appointment reminders as well. We also have a post vaccine wellness check-in, and we have included the ability for follow-up with any senior that has questions about the vaccine, and is currently expressing hesitancy. And so, these appointments are scheduled right now in the pilot phase on Wednesdays and Fridays. And we look forward to moving into a larger Cohort up to 208 per week; and then working with the Board of Health on the strike team concept to bring the appointments to the four senior multipurpose facilities on a rotating basis."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** ""Thank you. That's outstanding. Great work. And that's the end of my questions. Thank you, so much Dr. Paxton and Dr. Roshell."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Oh. Can I just interject something that was not on the slide? I just want to remind everyone that the elected official update is going to be tomorrow, from 1:30 to 3. In which we're going to be talking about all things like the: Appointment scheduling system, about vaccine myths, and general education. And so, just wanted to encourage any of you who -- to encourage any of your fellow elected officials to tune in to that. And if you do not have the link for registering, please let us know, and we can send that out to you. So I just wanted to make sure that you all are aware of that."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Ellis followed by Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Thanks, Mr. Chair. Thanks Dr. Paxton; hopefully you just hit the jackpot over there with that ringer going off because we need you to stick around here and not leave us anytime soon. But they -- one quick note. I think Commissioner Morris said scheduling. I do think that -- I had a constituent that had that issue and later called me and said that it had been addressed. So, you know, FYI on that. I had some questions about, I think, the senior plan that was out on. It's fantastic so kudos to the work on that. I had a -- Dr. Roshell, if you're still around there I did have a couple questions, or Ms. Roach, you can probably answer this as well. First, I get the concept of the location, and kind of having a designated location; I think that makes a lot of sense. In the event that you had a client that was in a geography that was further removed from that, and closer to one of the other locations and can drive, or do they have the flexibility to work within and then get them an appointment say at the Mercedes or at the North site. Recognizing it might, you know, kind of may be in the minority, so to speak; but do you that flexibility built in?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "We have talked about that particular issue, Commissioner Ellis. Again, what we would like to do is not allow this program to burden the system that the Board of Health has set up. Right now, Doug is very adamant about being able to work in this program at Aviation, so all of our appointments are currently targeted to be scheduled at Aviation. I do not want to sit here and say that if we encounter a senior and it poses a particular acute problem for them to be transported to Aviation that we wouldn't try to make other arrangements. But we are primarily trying to keep the appointments in a way that it doesn't interfere with the Board of Health operations."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. And did I understand that correctly that you are incorporating in the selection process and all that I think it was noted that this initial group, you were doing random participants from the four multipurpose centers; but in terms of the entirety of this, were you including the neighborhood centers as well?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, sir. And thank you -- I wanted to make sure -- one of the things I think we haven't done so far, clearly, is explain what our pilot is. Our pilot is simply a two day program, where we're limiting participation to 40 individuals to work out the kinks of the program. Our pilot is not an extended program. So when we talk about targeting the four multipurpose centers, we're only talking about the two day pilot that's occurring today and next -- and Friday. Next week, when the program starts in full, we are extending the telephone calls to participants in all of our programs, both seniors as well as multipurpose. And the calls want have to be as random because we're not trying to limit it, we're just want to begin a full-scale outreach effort."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Gotcha. Gotcha. Okay. And I know we're just getting the pilot off the ground, but I know it's going to work. I know it's going to be very successful. Just to settle but maybe not to settle; could we begin -- and maybe y'all have begun thinking about this -- that once folks with developmental disabilities you know depending upon where they'll placed or move ahead in the Tier, okay we're thinking about doing something very similar with our DD centers. And then maybe, potentially, some other -- or reaching out to some other groups with development disabilities clients."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yeah. I just read an article from Newsweek, Commissioner Ellis. It's funny you mentioned that because that particular vulnerable group was not on my radar until I read that death and impact rates in our IDD population. And so for sure -- I haven't a talked with Dr. Roshell about this yet, but for sure we do need to develop a plan to address that vulnerable group as well."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. Good. And Dr. Paxton, on the -- I think Doug may have mentioned about we were doing some work with the partnership with Tuxedo Pharmacy on some of the long-term care facilities that got -- that didn't get in the mix. Is that been more driven by those facilities reaching out to us or was there some inventory of these facilities we know were hit -- how's that coming together?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "A combination of both. I think initially we had some -- because we were under the impression that many of these groups were covered by CVS. And then some of the reach out to us and say, well, we are not. Or there was some glitch or whatever. So then we have then since done an inventory, along with the department of via Community Health to see how many of these facilities there are, and reached out to them to find out how many were not actually being covered by CVS. And so then that gave us the list of people that we knew -- that group of places that we knew that we needed to cover. So that's sort of the evolution of that."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Do you have a sense of, you know, kind of as a whole for the County are we close to, you know, getting the majority of these facilities or there're substantive gaps?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "I -- I don't have the figures right in front of me, but I believe that we've been making steady inroads into it. So I -- and because it is our priority, these people have always been part of Tier 1A. I believe that we are close to finishing, you know, to finishing that off. But I can't give you any numbers because I don't have them right in front of me."

**DOUG SCHUSTER, EMSI:** "Dr. Paxton, I might be able to help a little. CVS/Walgreens have approximately three weeks to a month left for the ones they were responsible for. And we are probably in the same timeframe. Going to complete probably a little less; the ones we've identified and re-identified. And some of the smaller facilities that we're finding we'll continue that mission. So we are over 50 percent of what we planned, or what we have found. So that's definitely in our schedule."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. Thanks for that. And then on the waitlist, I guess there was a number that was mentioned, or maybe that's what you were referring to Dr. Paxton. This may not have been the correct number; the 92,000 number; but the -- is that a correct number? Who knows?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Well, I would say it's a misleading number."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. How is that?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Well, I would say it's a misleading number." The reason I was saying -- I'm sorry that it made it into this presentation that was my fault for -- I'm so busy now, I haven't had a chance to proof a lot of things before they went out. The number is accurate in that those are the number of people that have called in to leave that information. And not -- in fact, the vast majority of them, in fact, are not in Tier 1A. We have people that will be in Tier 4, you know, have called to leave their information. So the issue is -- and we'll talk more about this in subsequent Board of Commissioners' meetings once we've had a chance to work it all out. But the actual number of people on the waitlist who are on Tier 1A which is the group we are vaccinating now and who will be our priority is somewhere is, let me see if I have that is somewhere in the order of about 20,000 people. Okay and they are our priority, cause we need to clear that waitlist through before we move into the new system, the MSD system that it will be coming out from the state. Okay and if you, you all are already familiar with the MSD system because that's what we used with testing. Which people can go online and do their own -- could make their own appointments. So we are -- we feel obligated to finish to clear out waitlist of the Tier 1A people, you know, before, we can you know, we can fully get into that system. So that is our focus now. For the rest of the people that are on that waitlist who are not in Tier 1A, then we're going to have to notify them about there's going to be a change to this system. And so -- we're working on the mechanics of how we're going to do that change now. But the waitlist that's really functional right now that we are going to be working on clearing are the people that are in Tier 1A. And that's somewhere around 20,000 people."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. That makes sense. I knew that -- I know myself had registered on your -- of course selected in whatever phase you know I was in, so. You know I would have been incorporated in the 2,000, but obviously not in the priority group. Just more of a detailed note: Guess there are some people that who were able who have been able to be in here without identifying which phase they will potentially be, right? I think the system may have allowed you to enter in and select nothing. I guess, are we going back and asking through e-mail? Sort of clarify what category their in?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "No, we're not. We're actually not doing that for people because -- for people who are Tier 1A, you know, because of, you know,

we actually know who they are because they do have to, you know, they have to furnish that information -- information like their age. So we know that and the like. But for the people who are not in Tier 1A and further on -- again, we're going to have to figure out how we're going to let them know that the system is change because they're going to be -- because when we move to the new MSD system, we are going to have to move to assist them where they -- we cannot prioritize those additional 70,000 to start you know working off that list. We're going to have to figure out a different way to do this and let them know that we now have the MSD system and as their -- as their phases come up, then they are going to have to use that system to get in to make their appointment. But it's on us to make people -- to make sure that everyone knows this and knows how the system is going to work. So we are still figuring that ourselves with the people who are developing the system and with the State in general. Because one issue with the MSD system of course is that it's actually -- anyone can access it throughout the State. The Governor has already promised that any Georgian can be vaccinated at any county. So we have to carefully figure this out, so that we can make sure that Fulton County residents are aware of this, and that we can figure out, you know how to make sure that, you know, our constituents have priority for Fulton County appointments."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, now that makes sense. I think maybe I didn't phrase my question right. I think what I'm getting at is -- well, I know this because I saw you can go into the system and register yourself, and not classify which phase you are in, and the system would take your information. So, in essence it could be blank. So it would seem to be that there was some universe of people out there like that there in our database. How are we communicating with those folks to kind of figure out or are they indeed in the current phase. Does that make more sense?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "And yes. I actually don't have that answer right now as to what is done, you, know, for everyone who has gotten into the system. And that has not identified themselves as Tier 1A."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Okay. All right, fair enough. And last couple of questions: On the -- well, this is more of a statement. On the reporting side and Doug I appreciate the details hearing about that -- trying to get other partners information here, and hopefully the State helps us have a presentation of what it looks like for, you know, with all the enrolled providers within any given County and that sort of stuff. But, I guess, maybe one small consideration, you know, as maybe a report of number, you know, since they are all very closely tied to Fulton County, you know, it might be useful to at least of each of these meetings that we had Fulton County's numbers and Grady's numbers. I think that's a fair ask of our partner just for consideration. And then lastly for Dr. Paxton: I know that they're continued to be, you know, kind of other reports, and so forth that other types of vaccines may be coming forth, and all that sort of stuff; and obviously, hard to predict a timeline for any of that stuff, you know, get approved and there be any meaningful production out there for them. But are we -- is that kind of thing, at least, sort of being talked about? Is there anything we need to be do differently if we got, say the J. and J. thing passed with a one-shot deal in terms of just the need to really kind of upscale if we got additional capacity; and/or different requirements

associated with any of these individual vaccines? Or you feel like generally, the way we got the site constructed they can handle whatever different type of, you know, formulation that we might get that might get approved and passed down?"

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "Yeah, we're definitely going to have to give that a great deal of thought; as to how we're going to deplore the different vaccines. Because as you pointed out, there are different requirements for different vaccines. And the J. and J. vaccine for example should be easiest in terms of being one-shot; it much less stringent storage, and so that would be for example a vaccine that would be ideally suited for us to use in our mobile units, and when we're going out to different spots versus the Pfizer vaccine which is incredibly finicky, and, you know, requires, you know, deep cold storage. So, yeah, we have -- it looks as though as if the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you know, it is fast-tracked for FDA approval, but that probably wouldn't happen until somewhere around March. So we have a little bit of time to think about that, and to figure out how we would incorporate that. And then in addition; no one has asked it yet, but, you know, there is this whole issue of variance that are being reported out there. And for example the B1.1.7, which is the UK variant. And then there's the South African variant, which is the 1.351, which is -- they're looking at to see how -- whether or not the vaccines that we currently have, are active against that. And yes, it looks like both of the Moderna and the Pfizer vaccines are active against that. But with some, you know, less -- a little bit of in-vitro -- less activity for the South African variant. We are starting to see at least that UK variant here in the states. It's quite likely that because it's more transmissible that that will soon overwhelm the other variant. And so that might become the predominant variant, you know, some time, you know, relevant -- in the next couple of months. And all of the vaccine manufacturers are looking at this and they are investigating whether or not they need to, you know, have an additional booster dose, or a booster dose that's primarily against these variants. So I'm only going into this just to say that you know it's a rapidly evolving field. And so, it's not out of the question that we might find out in a month or so that the recommendation is that we do a booster shot for, you know, for some of these vaccines; maybe not. But we have to be prepared to, you know, for some of these vaccines. Maybe not, but we have to be prepared to react if that becomes the case. So we're always, you know, keeping our antenna up and being ready to move quickly as more information -- as more data becomes available."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah. Okay. Okay. Thanks for that. It sounds like the flexibility and the adaptability is going to have to be the name of the game. And we'll have to keep doing that. But I guess, you know, and the other thing with your team and the management team, we kind of figure it out. But, you know, having the wherewithal and the ability to scale, you know, put additional scales in the system if we have the supply. So thanks for your remarks."

**DR. LYNN PAXTON, DIRECTOR, FC BOH:** "You're welcome."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes. Thank you, Commissioner Ellis asked several of my questions, so I won't repeat them. But you just mentioned you've got to clear the waitlist. And so, I just wanted to share with you, you know that we're all still getting inquiries from people that had registered weeks ago, and say they hadn't gotten any response. Just yesterday, I told two of them to make sure they were on the waitlist. So I think you may also have folks that registered prior to you establishing the waitlist that also need to be contacted in some way, that still are waiting to hear something. So I just wanted to let you know that. But as you work through the process and you're notifying people that are in the system, if you could also make sure you notify the Board of Commissioners, so as we get these inquiries, we can share accurate information with them rather than having to ask you. It would just be nice as these updates are developed; your new systems are developed, would you just share that with us too, so that we're able to communicate that to the people that contact us. And then secondly, kudos to everyone on the team that's focusing on the senior population and the outreach there. Of course they have the most difficulty navigating the systems as you know. So anything we could do to reach out to them is very well received. I'm curious a little bit about the transportation issue. I echo the sentiment of, you know, if at all possible as you get further into the process of allowing those that can drive, the option of going to the nearest location rather than -- you know a lot of folks can drive around town, but to get on 285 scares them to death. So I think we have to be cognizant of that, and anything we can do along those lines would be appreciated. But, if they are taking Uber or Lyft or a ride sharing service, does the driver wait for them to go through the entire process? Or how does their return trip work? Anna, I don't know who's going to answer that question."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Sorry. I'll ask Dr. Roshell to chime in as well. But it is different if you use Trans-Dev versus Uber or Lyft. So, I'll ask her to provide some details. We have done a lot of talking about how those return trips would work, and it does depend on how many constituents are being transported in the trip. If it's Uber and Lyft, it's likely one, but if it's Trans-Dev, it could be more and we do it in a socially distant way. And it's about 30 minutes per appointment according to Doug's estimate. So it is based on the type of transportation that we use. Pamela."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you, Anna. So, yes, based on the length of the appointment, the last estimate was 27 minutes, and so that is within the realm of allowing the Uber-Lyft driver to simply wait on the constituent. And that 27 minutes includes the vaccine as well as the 15 minutes of observation. And we've tried to maximize the efficiency of the appointment by assisting each of the seniors with their consent paperwork prior to the appointment, which is transmitted over to Aviation prior to the appointment."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Very good. I just think people would like to know that as well. And then the issue of a caregiver that is also eligible for the vaccine. I've heard of several folks that let me know that they were able to go at a separate time than the person that they're the caregiver for. And I don't know that that is widely known either

that there is that option for people. And so, I do to think that that's important for that to get out there, too. And that just because you can't go with or they're going on a separate transportation service like we just discussed, that they're still eligible if they are a caregiver for an eligible senior. And then finally, I want to ask about the issue with those seniors or anyone that's hesitant to get the vaccine. When you call someone and they tell you that they're just not interested for whatever concern they may have, you're going to refer them or put them on the list to be contacted with an education coordinator, is that what I heard?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Dr. Roshell can answer these questions."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes. So as far as the caregiver issue for the senior and the health equity strategy, we are making that appointment concurrent on the same day at the same time with the senior and also the spouse. As it relates to the vaccine hesitancy, we do have nurses on staff that are a part of our adult day program, and they will assist with providing the information regarding the vaccine in answering any questions for seniors who have expressed their decline as a result of fear of the vaccine."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "So at the time you make the phone call, if someone says I'm not interested, you move on and fill the opening slots. In the meantime, you also contacting them, trying to address their concerns they may have."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "All right. Well, I'm just going to tell: I know two situations where an appointment was made; the senior got an appointment earlier at a Kroger, or a Publix, or somewhere like that. And when they were contacted to get our appointment, they were also asked if you have a caregiver, and the caregiver was allowed to go separately to get the vaccine. So I hope that continues because it's very helpful to folks. But if they can't go at the same time I hope that accommodations are made perhaps they're working or something along those lines, and can't make the appointment at the same time, but can certainly go later. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else at this time? Any further questions for this segment? Hearing none. Madam COO, would you continue, please."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Next slide, please. So I will not belabor the point that has been made extensively previously by Dr. Paxton, as well as Doug. We have seen a tremendous amount of improvement in terms of our infection management in Fulton County. However, the improvement that we have has brought us to still yet troubling numbers in terms of our infection rate and our positivity rate. And so we do still have a red indicator around our number of cases in Fulton. Next slide. We continue to have a troubling -- at least in my view -- troubling

a number of positive cases among our employee population. In these last two weeks we've seen a significant number of positives in public works in particular. And there are other departments that are listed here that have shown positive cases. So we have a total of 21 new positives employee cases since the last board of commissioners meeting. Next slide. And that number brings our total to 309 and I apologize for those who can't see this at the bottom of the slide there. But our grand total since we began reporting employee positives is now 309. Next slide. Our reopening update -- I always get excited when Doug tells us that we are seeing improvements particularly in our seven-day numbers, but again it doesn't bring us to a point where we can reopen, and we still have to remain vigilant with our preventative measures so that we can continue to see the improvement. That said, with respect to phase II, we are not moving forward with any reopening plans. The County manager mentioned, and I'd like to take an opportunity just to say a few words about our working relationship with the Tax Commissioner which has been tremendous. His office, as you can see, from our employee positives have been some of the highest in the County in terms of departments who've experienced employee positives. And so, currently, his office's at 141 Pryor, as well as Greenbrier Mall are closed. We are working with the Tax Commissioner's office and have a meeting with his leadership to identify how we can safely reopen those offices. In the last week, there have been a couple of factors that have caused increased traffic to the Tax Commissioner's office that included the state implementation of a new system and again closures of the office due to sanitizing for positives et cetera. And because of those constraints, we have seen an increase number of cases and increase volume to the offices that are open right now. And so Dr. Ferdinand has thankfully allowed us to work with his team to figure out what we would need to put in place in order to safely reopen 141 as well as Greenbrier. That will reduce the traffic to the annex locations because these are large locations that can handle good volume. So we're excited about that. We will in the next meeting have some more details around the tax office reopening and look forward to working with Dr. Ferdinand's team. Next slide. We are proud to present to the Board of Commissioners our thoughts around how we would implement the rental assistance program that has been funded by the federal government. As you recall, we mentioned in the last meeting, that Fulton County received approximately \$18 million to provide emergency rental assistance to families and individuals in Fulton County outside of the city of Atlanta. And the reason I emphasize outside of the city of Atlanta is because the city of Atlanta by virtue of its' population, is a direct recipient of similar funds to administer a program in their city and so we're happy the city of Atlanta has received an individual allocation from the state, from the federal government and they will be administering their program. Our \$18 million then is targeted to those cities outside of the city of Atlanta. The federal regulations around or guidance around eligibility are much more stringent than those that we had seen with rental assistant funds under the CARES Act. An eligible household as defined within the program requires at least one individual within the household to meet these three criteria: They qualify for unemployment or have experienced a reduction in household income; or they are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID 19, or have incurred significant cost related to COVID 19. They also need to demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability as a result of number 1; and then finally the household has to have an income that is at or

below 80 percent of the area median income. Next slide, please. In addition to a very stringent eligibility criteria, which we discussed on the previous slide, there are other limitations to the expenditure of these funds. They expire December of this year and the administrative allowance for the administration of these funds is capped at ten percent. And so, in other words any jurisdiction that is charged with administering these funds must not use less than 90 percent of those funds for direct financial assistance. The guidance also talks about the fact that the rental assistance should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to households so we have been talking about how we try to address that particular bullet in some of our applications certification components. Program administrators of this rental assistant program are required to prioritize eligible households within where an individual within that household has been unemployed for 90 days prior to the application and that household income is at or below 50 percent of the area median income. So as you recall from the previous slide, the minimum eligibility is within eighty percent, but the program also requires us to provide prioritization for these two categories. If they have been unemployed for 90 days or the area median income is below 50 percent. And that needs to be addressed in the application and evaluation program. Eligible recipients must recertify for eligibility every three months. The regs do say that for purposes of paying in arrears, this does not apply. And all that simply means is that if the applicant has seven months worth of back rent you're allowed to pay that without recertification, but once the back rent is paid, and the applicant is now in the program, they have to recertify for eligibility within three months or every three months. The funds are also paid directly to landlords and utility providers. These are not funds that are provided to constituents themselves. The funds must be negotiated and paid directly to landlords and utility providers. The last restriction, I call it a restriction and I'm not sure if that's the right word, but is that the treasury is required to publicly report on a quarterly basis on the use of the funds. And so the County has a responsibility for providing treasury the information necessary to meet that obligation. And so that reporting obligation is not one that was in place when we administered the CARES funds; that is new. And so again, these restrictions are certainly more stringent than those available with the CARES funds. Next slide. So based on what we know so far, about both eligibility and the constraints around expending the funds, we have been working to develop an administration model for the board. As the County manager stated in his opening remarks, we have sought the guidance of outside counsel and that guidance clearly states that they do not recommend allocating the funds either to other jurisdictions or to nonprofits to administer. And so our recommendation is very targeted at self-administration. And so we have developed an outline of the steps that we would take in order to quickly and effectively provide these funds to individuals in need within our community. To talk about the operational plan that we came up with, I'm gonna turn it over to Dr. Roshell to walk through both the timeline as well as the milestones."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you Anna. So first on the timeline the community needs analysis is simply our effort to create a data-driven approach to estimate the need in Fulton County, as well as provide the framework for what our award maximum will be and to get and gain a greater understanding of the number of potential -- potentially eligible constituents in Fulton County. We also are

looking at an application portal and a call center model that will allow us to scale our administration to serve the thousands of constituents that would be eligible for this assistance based on the treasury guidance. The call center can discuss things like extended hours perhaps up until 7:00 and a Saturday offering as well. And of course, looking at an application portal that will be a centralized portal that can accept applications on a large scale that's user-friendly and includes all of the elements the treasury requires us to collect by way of reporting and the elements of application eligibility. Moving through the model, we are looking at a payment solution that will allow us to scale payments and deliver those payments to landlords and utility companies on a high-volume basis so that we can get these payments out and put the constituents on a firm footing to housing stability. The outreach and engagement strategy will be very important. As Anna pointed out, unlike the first CARES funding treasury has outlined very detailed eligibility criteria for these dollars. And we want to ensure that our messaging to the community is clear, so that constituents who are eligible as well as landlords will reach out to us and begin the application process. Of course all of this will include the ramp-up of additional staffing infrastructure and training with a projected launch date of March first. And then ongoing administration and quarterly reporting as well as tracking key performance indicators to ensure that we are in line with our spending targets and reaching the number of constituents we set out to reach at the beginning of the process."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Next slide. So just to wrap up members of the board, I did this slide about immediate next steps. And that includes a presentation to the Board of Commissioners today and getting input from the board on our approach to expend these funds. There is a significant amount of interests in these dollars from our mayors outside of the city of Atlanta. So we anticipate making a presentation to inform them of our approach on Friday at the Fulton County mayors meeting. We are working with our strategy and performance management office to complete the community assessment that will give us the view of what neighborhoods, communities, and individuals to target based on the constraints set by treasury in the guidance. Just so the board is aware, the other thing that we're doing is working with the magistrate court's office to identify those landlords that have filed eviction notices. Although there's a moratorium there is a significant amount of landlords that have filed eviction notices and await the moratorium lift to be able to execute on those eviction notices. And we believe it is also a good place to start in order to identify those who are at risk of becoming homeless. So in addition to the community assessment, our efforts working with the magistrate court are also going to help us to identify those communities and individuals most at risk. The other thing that is underway as we speak, is our approach to developing or acquiring an application tool that would also serve as our resource management tool or the tool that we would use to administer the program. The reason again that is so important is because of our reporting requirements to treasury. So these -- I believe are the immediate next steps. We will have much more completed in the way of these steps by the time we talk with you again and to the extent we will be able to present to you full details on where we are in terms of the milestones and where we are in terms of getting towards standing up the infrastructure necessary

to administer this program. Next slide please. Mr. Chairman, with that, we can accept any questions from the board on reopening or on the rental assistance program."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right, thank you Madam COO. I think I saw two hands, Vice Chair Hall followed by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. Commissioner Hall."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Put me in the que too please Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Commissioner Hall. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes, Chair, I think Commissioner Vice Chair, she -- well, she -- I'll go ahead, I just want -- first of all, thank you, all for getting on the rollout of this. Basically, what I wanted to make sure -- a couple things I wanted to make sure is that one my office is already received so much inquiry about this. I have also had several mayors to reach out to me because of the concern of maybe the information not being disseminated in a way that everybody will understand what they need to do. For one and they wanted to make sure that because we are looking at the area outside of the city of Atlanta that we make sure that one we have several options. I know that she mentioned -- Dr. Roshell mentioned the call center and also possibly an application portal. I would just strongly, strongly suggest that we have multiple ways that they can actually apply for it that is user-friendly and we'll give them all of the information and explain it--"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Am I still not --"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "-- I'm sorry."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Oh, okay no, Oh I am sorry I was trying test my speakers since it wasn't working before."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Now you were before me, go ahead."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Go ahead Khadijah."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Okay, all righty. So basically my concern basically is wanting to make sure that information gets out. Some of the prior instances -- what I had from the constituents as well as the mayor is that the information wasn't clear and didn't get to everybody. And so I want us to make sure that we have a concerted effort to make sure that the information is bulleted to the point that people understand it. They understand clearly whether they meet the requirements or they don't. Next, I would also ask that the ability to apply be more than just a call center with a big focus on being able to do it online and the application being user-friendly. And my last thing that I just want to say; based on the mayors that I have met with, I really would like their input as to what works for their constituents. Not asking you to change the model because I know these are funds that have to be allocated for and I do understand clearly we do have a responsibility to our taxpayers that this is rolled out correctly. For

those that deserve it, get it and those that don't deserve don't get it. But I would like to make sure that we include the mayors in the rollout any ideas that they think that may be best for their constituent base that we're inclusive to what their concerns may be. And so I just wanted to make sure we got people already; we fielded so many calls on a daily basis about this that they are anticipating and we are letting them know as we get the information we will also -- my office will also be a place that they can get further information once we get it. But I just want to make sure that we work on making sure that rollout especially the information to the community is flawless. Thank you."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Can you hear me?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, we can commissioner."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. Great. Thank you. I was trying to speak before, but for some reason my speakers' not working. These new Dell computers are really not good at all. So I will be addressing that item for IT. So just a couple of things: We all know that the residents don't care about jurisdictions. They pay their taxes and they want seamless access to services and programs. And so with this rental assistance program, it is outstanding. It is a great idea. And the administration model is outstanding. But I want to make sure that when city of Atlanta residents are looking for rental assistance that they have seamless access. And so will you be addressing how to coordinate those efforts with city of Atlanta so that if city of Atlanta residents call our call this -- was it a call center, if they call this call center that they will be able to be redirected seamlessly to the city of Atlanta for their services?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am. The answer to that is absolutely Commissioner Hall. We understand that the city of Atlanta will establish their own program administration, but we fully understand that people will call because they are so desperate and anxious for assistance. And they may call and they may not be within our purview. So for those individuals that are within the city of Atlanta's purview, we will have a seamless referral process."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Great. That's good. And I heard Dr. Roshell mention the need to staff-up for this initiative. And with that being said, what department will this initiative fall under?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "So the initiative doesn't fall under a particular department Vice Chair Hall. The good news is that there are a Cohort of individuals that are currently not fully engaged in terms of employment because we are not reopened for the delivery of direct services. They were concentrated to elections a month ago. The good news is that our elections are behind us and we can tap that same group of individuals to create the workforce we need to staff the call center as well

as establish an application evaluation group as well. The other thing that we're exploring is that the workforce development office has received a grant that will allow us to hire individuals to assist with COVID related activity. And so we're going to be working with Brett and Samir to see whether or not we could utilize a part of that grant to help us staff-up for this particular effort as well. But we are very confident that between the employees who are under engaged in either senior services, library services, where developmental disabilities we can get the assistance we need to support this effort. The other thing we can do obviously is reprioritize virtual programming that we're currently delivering and to concentrate efforts toward this initiative."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right. Because it seems like it is very much a community development type of issue. And you know with the reports that we've had today and the reports in the news, it looks like we're going to be dealing with COVID 19 through this year. They're not even expecting any type of relief until fall of this year. And so I'm assuming that with that being said, this is really going to be a great need to the community. And so it's good that you're already looking at it, but I think that you may need to look at more of it. It being established almost permanently for now. Because we have very many more months to go and the numbers of people that need assistance are growing. It is not diminishing at all."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Just as a reminder, this 18 million is from the Appropriations Act. We still are awaiting a broader COVID relief package with the new administration. We do expect that additional funds will come to state and local government through that effort as well. So you are correct. There is a long road ahead of us, but based on what we have been hearing in both the national news and otherwise, that our Congress is working on a COVID relief package that should provide additional support as well."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "And thinking about community development needs, you are moving forward with the vacant director of community development position, right, I mean opening it, or should I say posting it?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes ma'am, we are. Those requisitions have been entered. HR is currently evaluating the requisitions. We expect those postings to be out within the next week or so."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "You said those postings. There's more than one?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes. Our director for arts and culture position is vacant as well."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Right. That's right. That's right. So you're moving forward with posting those two? Are there other director positions that are vacant right now?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "There are other director positions that are vacant and we have a recruitment plan for those positions as well."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "How many and what are they? I just thought about that when you said those."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "So, the police chief position is being filled with an interim role. As is the medical examiner is an interim medical examiner position. The 911 director Chris is serving in an interim role as well so I think that that is the total of the vacant director positions if I'm doing it off the top of my head."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "And all of these are very critical during this time you said police chief, medical examiner, 911 Director um and then we have community development, arts and culture, that's five Director positions that are currently vacant."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, our trial attorney is the last one."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Trial attorney makes six? And so who is doing these jobs right now? Are they, do they all have interims right now?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Well, no, not all of them. Let me take that back. So we know community development, arts and culture do not have interims. The other four -- do the other four all have interims -- that's what I should have asked?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am, they do."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. So who's doing the jobs of the vacant one's? Or should I say who has been? Aren't those under Dr. Roshell right now?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Is she being compensated for doing these extra jobs?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** I'm gonna ask the County Attorney whether or not if we should be talking about personnel."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam COO, just a minute. I was going to say to keep from going there, why don't you prepare a report on all these director positions and provide that to the board."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. That's what I was just about to ask."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Thank you Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you so much. I appreciate that."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes, thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you for this report Ms. Roach. You mentioned the arrears and you said seven months. Is there a limit to how far back this goes? Should someone have not been able to pay rent for seven or eight months?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yeah, the guidance basically says the total amount of assistance that we can provide is up to 15 months. And so I suppose we could go in terms of arrears back to 12 months and then they would have three additional months of assistance."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Well, I mean I guess its pandemic related, correct? It's not intended for, you know, really I would say seven or eight months might be when the impact really hit."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Again, yes, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay. And then you also -- one of the criteria is the median income by area? Is that area by city or how, what is the area definition?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "So, that's part of the analysis that we are doing internally. We will probably use the census data in order to make those determinations, and they typically aggregate that data by census block. Dr. Roshell, do you want to add anything to that?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "So, we will be using the HUD criteria for area median income? And so, HUD has all of that information to include household size, area median income. So nationally the area median income is 78,000 for a household of four. Our area median income is somewhere around 66,000 for a household of four. And so, we'll be looking at that criteria. It does have consideration for communities that have higher incomes in those areas and all of that is a part of the formula. So we will be looking at the countywide area median income, and using household size as a part of that criteria."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Well, as you know, don't walk away. As you know, we have different median incomes by city or census block. We have a very diverse County as you know. So I would expect that this will be a question you will hear from the mayors on how the need will be determined. So just be prepared, please for that. You know for our meeting on Friday because even in the higher income median areas, you still have a lot of people that are desperate. So I just want to make sure that where

there is a need, we're going to be able to address or least help with those needs. So please, examine that data and be prepared to answer those questions on Friday."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Thank you, Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And then also in the area of utility assistance. I mean, I know this doesn't address mortgage holders, it's only renters, correct?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "That's correct."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Well, I'm sure there's a lot of folks with mortgages that are also struggling. Would they be eligible or not for utility expenses?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "No, ma'am. So this is strictly for renters by way of their rent and associated utility bills excluding telephone and Internet."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay, so we've verified then that there is no assistance available for folks that may have gotten behind on their mortgages because they've lost their jobs, or had a death in the family, or any of those indicators of what put you in crisis?"

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, ma'am. Treasury is clear that it's for renters only."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "That's very, very unfortunate. All right. And then finally, you've got a great timeline here. I wish that we were able to -- I'm just gonna say have this up and running well before March the 1st. I know that's asking a lot, but you know, if there's any way to speed this up because of the situation in our communities with the dire need; I mean, we're all still getting our paychecks. It's hard to relate to, you know, situations that folks are in; but there's a lot of desperation out there. Desperate people unfortunately do desperate things, and have a lot of mental anguish right now. So anything we can do to consolidate this timeline would be very well received by the community."

**DR. PAMELA ROSHELL, DEPUTY COO, HHS:** "Yes, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall, did you want to be heard again?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I'm sorry. Yes. I just realized that when Madam COO said there's interims in all those positions, I have no idea who the interims are. So if you can provide that that would be great."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yes, ma'am, we'll do."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Any further questions for this segment? Who? Oh, Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, I appreciate what's all laid out here. I guess my question is on this: You know, I mean, I guess a follow-up to Commissioner Hausmann's comments the notion that we wouldn't be able to get it rolling until March 1st. Do we have a sense that whether or not this is other metro county's metro cities that are being recipients are dealing with sort of same struggle about, you know, kind of quantifying administration of this, you know, given the change requirements that are here versus what was in the prior CARES money?"

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Yeah, I have a call-in to the City of Atlanta to talk about not just coordination, but what they're anticipated approach is going to be. But more significantly, we have had conversations with the State Chief Operating Officer. And Mr. County Manager, I don't know if you want to use this time to provide the Board with a summary of the States input on their \$500 million that they got of emergency rental assistance."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, thank you. I don't think their plans, Commissioner Ellis are solidified. We have another call with their team tomorrow, so hopefully we'll learn more, and then we'll also probably get into their plans operationally; but also, how they intend to deal with cities. Because we certainly want to avoid anything akin to what happened under the CARES Act. The problem, of course, that we all have, is this federal guidance may change over time, which our County Attorney, as well as outside counsel have told us. So as we stand today, this is what we know. Your point about other counties: I don't think we've done that research yet, but we'll do that as well as talking to the State tomorrow."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, and it just sort of strikes me in terms of listening here that, you know, we got a plan to what we know, but, you know, this thing could change next week, right? And you could be allowed to do grantees and all that sort of stuff, right? So it's just -- yeah, knowing that it's fluid I guess is my ask that ya'll keep us, you know, engaged to the Board, and if indeed something changes midstream, and we need to consider moving faster, you know, with either, you know, change into a grant model versus, you know, kind of what we've outlined right here. So you know, I guess we will all stay tune."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** All right. Anyone else at this time? All right. Madam COO, continue, please."

**ANNA ROACH, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER:** "Mr. Chairman, at this time, I'm going to turn the presentation over to the CFO."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam CFO."

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. Sharon Whitmore, Chief Financial Officer. I do have a brief update today on the emergency reserve -- the emergency response reserve. Next slide, please. To summarize the changes since our last report -- when we reported to you at the last Board meeting, we had originally reserved the 53 million. The Board of Commissioners, during the adoption of the budget, used 7.3 million of that to fund some other budgetary actions. In addition to that action, we have realigned some of the funds that were in the budget. Specifically we've increase the SPOC and mobile site operations budget by 2.2 million, bringing that total to 6.1. We've provided for an even \$1 million for a communication plan associated with the continued testing and vaccination rollout. We've also increased -- this is now down into operational stability -- we've increased the professional services budget by 400,000, bringing that total to 1.2 million. And that is to support the services being provided by EMSI. One individual through the end of the year and the balance through June. We have also increased the cost for supporting warehouse operations by 800,000 that includes some staff funding, food services for all of the testing and vaccination sites, as well as the warehouse staff. And some additional operating costs associated with that facility. So those were the increases. We pulled the funds to make those changes out primarily out of the funds that had been originally set aside for our hazard pay program. As you know we'll be looking to the potential funding provided out of the next federal funding source to cover any hazard pay. And then we pulled about 300,000 out of the funds that we had set aside to cover obligations that rolled over from the previous year. So with all of those changes, the budget now sits at in the health response categories 19.6 million, in the operational stability 26.1 million, for a total of 45.7 million in general funds. Of that amount, we have identified plans or calls, if you will, on about 37.1 of those funding -- of the 45.7 million leaving us with about 8.6 that's currently budgeted, but un-obligated or uncommitted. And in addition to that, we've made payments totaling 1.1 million against those purchase orders that rolled over from the prior year. Next slide, please. This slide just summarizes again the movements within the budget. 2.2 million for the SPOC and mobile site which will be in a contract with CORE. The EMSI contract increase by 242,000. Funds for the warehouse 800,000 and that all adds up to the -- should all add up with the reduction of the 7.3 million to that 10.5 million figure. Next slide, please. These next -- really these next two slides show you the purchase orders that we're carried over from 2020 into 2021. You can see the payments that are being made against those purchase orders. If we can go on to the next slide, please. It's very hard to see this. Down at the bottom of this slide, the last three lines are janitorial services. Those are the new purchase orders that have been set up to address the cleaning services needed for each of our vaccination test site. So as of January 29th, we had 4,989,334 in purchase orders issued. We paid out 1,069,620, leaving us a purchase order balance of 3,919,714. And we'll continue to provide the Board with an update as we carry through the year. And once we have the emergency rental assistance program up and running, then we will add in a slide to show you progress against that allocation as well. So with that, I can take any questions on the emergency reserve update."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. I think I see Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. Sharon, I wasn't sure if I heard you correctly because this new computer the speaker is terrible. But did you say that you added \$1 million for more communications?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "We have an allocation -- a total allocation of \$1 million for a communication plan associated with continuing to message the importance of testing as well as being able to address -- really a campaign around vaccine hesitancy associated with the vaccine rollout."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Well, it has part of that \$1 million already been used for communication?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "We've not expended any of those funds yet. I believe that Jessica is in the process of working with a couple of outside entities on finalizing the communication plan. But I -- as of right now, I'm not aware of any funds that's actually been expended out of that category."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. And so, what would cost up to a million dollars in communication that we need to do? Can Jessica speak to that or do you have that information?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "We'll see if Jessica is here. I believe that for the most part, the significant portion of those funds will be associated with the actual media buys that would be planned around the campaign. So radio time slots and things like that."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. And since we are trying to ensure that those areas where there are people of color are communicated to properly, can we make sure that when we do those media buys that we try to focus on those radio and TV spots where the majority of that population actually frequently listen to. I know that's not for you Sharon. That's for Jessica."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "If I could just -- yes, ma'am that will be the plan. What I would suggest we do is as soon as we finalize the planning with Fitzs Co and Black Cross the two firms that we used last year. I think we will be prepared to bring forward a plan that you'll be quite pleased with, in terms of the placement of both, again, digital as well as traditional media. Were very sensitive to what you just said. Both of those firms are working to ensure that we have a very targeted campaign."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. And when you just said digital, I just want to make sure that we remember that we do still have a very much of a digital divide in America, and in Atlanta, and Fulton County. And so let's try to make sure that we focus on the non-digital for those seniors, and those residents who have that difficulty in accessing Wi-Fi, and having computers that actually can access that technology."

**DICK ANDERSON, COUNTY MANAGER:** "Yes, ma'am. That's definitely part of the planning effort."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right. Thank you. That's great work. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anyone else at this time? All right. Any closing comments, Madam COO?"

**SHARON WHITMORE, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER:** "Anna had to step out and take a call, Mr. Chairman. But that does conclude our presentation today."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Thank you, very much. Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Bottom of page 6, **21-0096**, Purchase and Contract Compliance. Request ratification of emergency countywide procurement."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Do I hear a second?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second. But I have a question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall, you have the floor."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. So if you look at the emergency procurement spreadsheet, it has three different vendors for one emergency service, which says ongoing COVID-19 sanitation services for Fulton County facilities as needed. And all three are \$200,000 each, which is a total of \$600,000 of sanitation services for the Fulton County facilities. Now, there are three different vendors: Full Circle Restoration, CRM Services, LLC, Bellford USA; and I'm just wondering why do we need three different organizations to do the same work?"

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING & CONTRACT COMP:**  
Joe Davis is here and I'm going to let him respond to that question. It's the matter of the size of the County, and the number of facilities that we do have Commissioner. And in the past we've had those three companies available to do sanitization when required."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "So these companies already have contracts with us for sanitation services?"

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING & CONTRACT COMP:**  
We've had contracts with them to provide the same services during the COVID-19 response, yes, ma'am."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "You said, we've had them, but do we currently have a contract with all three of these companies right now?"

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING & CONTRACT COMP:** "We've allocating funding for the service so, yes."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Do we currently have a contract with all three of these contractors right now?"

**FELICIA STRONG-WHITAKER, DIRECTOR, PURCHASING & CONTRACT COMP:** "Yes, Commissioner."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes. Okay. And how many facilities do we have that need the sanitation services?"

**JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "Good afternoon, Commissioner. Joe David, Director, Real Estate and Asset Management. As a part of our planning for our COVID response in 2021, we identified the cost that it would take to provide a sanitization of all County facilities if we were directed to do so at some point during the year. That grand total was \$1.3 million. In discussion with the budget manager, we decided that we did not need to encumber that full amount, so we took three vendors that were tasked with sanitizing and reopening at June of last year; as a result of their quality work at that time, we went back with those, and we requested for Purchasing to create three equal POs for those same three companies in the event sanitization is required this year."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Great. Thank you, so much Joe. That was a wonderful explanation. You literally answered one of my other questions and I didn't have to ask it. And so, in the past do we know how much sanitation has increased due to COVID-19 up to date?"

**JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "Yes, ma'am. So as we progress through the pandemic, we try to bring our program in line with current CDC guidelines, which requires detailed disinfectant wipe downs. And in order to do so, we're using our existing janitorial contractors; however, there are occasions where the size of the facility and the nature of the circumstances requires an outside vendor with much greater capacity. So I would tell you that between June 15th, and say two weeks ago, we've done almost 200 of those sanitizations due to COVID results and or exposures."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Outstanding. Thank you, so much Joe."

**JOE DAVIS, DIRECTOR, DREAM:** "Thank you, ma'am."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. Do I need a motion?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes, you have a motion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. The motion is to approve. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman. And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Continue."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 7, **21-0097**, Information/Technology. Request approval to renew existing contracts for computer hardware equipment refresh for specialty computing devices.

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second for discussion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded it. Vice Chair Hall -- question?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Couple of things. Can we have Glen just first, speak to this Resolution and then I'll ask my question."

**GLEN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY:** "Glen Melendez, CIO, for the County. This Resolution is with keeping the laptops and desktops, not aging pass five years of age for the County; and so, in keeping with the continuing to support our mobile

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workforce as a result of COVID-19. There is some funding in there as well for specialty devices for areas that need Macs, Tough Books for law enforcement, et cetera."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right. Thank you, so much for that. You said that you're trying to meet a lifecycle of five years, when the lifecycle is actually three years for technology. Why, why -- so why such a stretch?"

**GLEN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY:** "We had previous to our refresh program, the departments were not on a lifecycle. They exercise the ability to purchase devices as they needed them. And a lot of times those would age. Sometimes -- often times considerably longer than five years. As a County, at one point in 2019, we got together and we said because those devices are aging and becoming nonperformance at that time as a County we agreed to at least five years being, cautious of taxpayer dollars et cetera."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "All right. And so, I'm trying to understand because I recently received one of the new computers that you're trying to purchase through this -- this contract renewal and it's terrible. It's already behind on its processor. The most current processor is an I7; this says I5. And so I'm trying to understand why would we start behind, when we already have a situation in the County where our computers are well beyond the lifecycle. And so, starting behind just doesn't seem sensible to me. Can you explain?"

**GLEN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY:** "Yeah, there many specs within -- but again, before this there was no specs or standardization for the County. There are many specs within the new Dell that are, I guess, greater specs then we've previously had. I would say this: You know, generally we deploy a couple of thousands of these at this point; and generally we've been pretty successful with them. I know there have been some challenges that you referenced earlier today, and we'd be happy to continue to work with your department to make sure that those are resolved. But generally, we've had pretty good success with them."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. Well, on -- use me as a test, as you always have. And I'm telling you, these computers are not good. And we don't want to start behind on the processor. As we all know technology -- those who know technology -- that the processor means a lot to the operation of the computer. If the processor is behind, and you're adding more onto it, is not going to perform up to standard and it already isn't. I'm a heavy user and my team is too. So you know we're having a lot of problems. And your department has consistently had to work with us. Now, my team members already e-mailed you this morning, about a problem with Outlook that has persisted on our team for years now. And so, I want you to go back to the drawing board, and I want you to try to get a computer that is current, not behind, because we don't need to start behind. We're going to be more heavier users than ever before just due to COVID-19. Because even those people who haven't been using a computer are forced to do so now just for communication purposes because we have to Zoom, and Microsoft team meeting, and everything else. And so, I want to make sure that we can all work through to the best

of our ability. One of our strategic priority areas alone speak to us being efficient and effective and productive. And I want to make sure that we are. And this machine is not it. You know, we also have cell phone issues and other things. And I noticed that you have a Deputy CIO position that's been posted, and it's specifically in the area of technology, and perhaps you need to wait to fill that position, so you'll have more input into the technology that's needed. I also would recommend that you do better testing before you deploy or select equipment. If you have a testing lab which I'm not sure of because it's been a couple of years since I toured IT department, but if you have a testing lab they need to test these machines in our environment, to ensure that they're compatible with other software applications and systems. Because I'm already been having problems connecting to other -- even to connect my speakers to the speaker on this PC is terrible. So I would like to make a substitute motion to hold this. And maybe you can bring it back at the next BOC meeting. But there needs to be a slight upgrade in the technology, so we don't have to -- I don't want you to have to keep sending people to help my team, and it's just going to grow into more issues for other people as the users are using more of this technology. Also, I know you're trying to move to Windows 365, and so I think we need to make sure that our technology is solid and current."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "There's a motion to hold. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I'll second it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded it. Any further discussion or comment on the motion to -- substitute motion to hold this?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "I do have a question, Mr. Chairman."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes, Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "We could ask Mr. Melendez about the time sensitivity on the renewal. I assume it's renewing for this calendar year, which means, I guess, it expired last December 31st?"

**GLEN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY:** "Our goal is to stay within five years. So, you know, quite frankly, two weeks is not going to kill a five-year standard."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "So holding it for two weeks will not impact the purchase?"

**GLEN MELENDEZ, CIO, FULTON COUNTY:** "No, we're fine."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. All right. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis. Morris. Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes; four yeas; zero nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** Continue, Madam Clerk.

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**CLERK GRIER:** **21-0098**, Real Estate and Asset Management. Request approval of a change order greater than ten present to modify the existing scope of work to provide exterior repairs and replacing and pressure washing cleaning."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis".

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Under Health and Human Services, **21-0099**, Public Works. Request approval of the lowest responsible bidder to provide water meters."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Second."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Abdur-Rahman. And I vote, yes."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes".

**CLERK GRIER:** "And motion passes unanimously."

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**CLERK GRIER:** **21-0100**, Public Works. Request approval of the lowest responsibility to provide emergency sewage cleanup services."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Move approval."

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**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Cast your vote, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Under Justice and Safety, **21-0101**, Superior Court Administration. Request approval of a recommended proposal to provide legal assistance and services to citizens."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Move approval."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Move approval."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll take one of those as a second. Properly moved and seconded. Cast your vote, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 8, Commissioner Arrington has requested to hold item **21-0070.**"

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. No objection? Are there any objections to hold? If not, let's continue to move on."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "**21-0102**, Development of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Regional Advisory Council. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Elizabeth K. Bolton-Harris for a Full Board appointment to a term ending August 1st, 2023."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Move approval."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington. Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes; six yeas, zero nays."

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**CLERK GRIER:** **21-0103**, Administrative Committee of the Fulton County Defined Contribution Plan. Chairman Pitts has nominated Commissioner Abdur-Rahman for a Full Board appointment and Commissioner Morris to a Full Board reappointment to terms ending December 31st, 2021."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll move --"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "-- move approval."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Houseman."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And motion passes unanimously."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "On page 9, **21-0104**, Audit Committee. Commissioner Ellis has nominated Jay Small for a Full Board appointment to a term ending December 31st, 2022. Chairman Pitts has nominated Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Morris for Full Board reappointment to terms ending December 31st, 2022."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Move approval. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Second."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Cast your votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "21-0105, Board of Trustees of the Fulton County Employees Retirement System. Chairman Pitts has nominated Commissioner Abdur-Rahman for a Full Board appointment and Commissioner Morris for Full Board reappointment to terms ending December 31st, 2021."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Move approval. Is there a second? A second please."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let's votes, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

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**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. What time is it now?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Just about 1 o'clock."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "1 o'clock. Okay. Why don't we stop here for recess for lunch and executive session; there are several items of real estate, personnel, and legal matters. I'll entertain a motion to recess for lunch and executive session."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "So moved."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Let's vote, please Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes unanimously."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** It's 1 o'clock now?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "So what's a good time to -- 1:15?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "1:15."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "1:15. We'll start executive session at 1:15. Has everyone received the call-in numbers?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you. So cut this off."

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**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** Colleagues, its 1:40. So without objection, we will resume the regular order of business. Let's take up the item from executive session. Madam Interim County Attorney."

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Is there a motion to approve the request for representation of item 1 on the executive agenda?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "So moved."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Second. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman. I vote, yes."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes; five yeas, zero nay."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Continue, Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Bottom of page 9, Under County Manager's presentation and discussion items, **21-0107**, External Affairs update of 2021 legislative agenda."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ms. Corbitt."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Good afternoon, Commissioners. I hope everyone is well. I'm joined by Ms. Calhoun. And I do have a lengthy update today. I'm -- I ask for everyone's patience. And I'm going to try to highlight those items that are among the priorities adopted by the Board of Commissioners. Next slide, please. Just as a reminder to the Board and to the public, this is a snapshot of the legislative priorities adopted by the Board for our 2021 state legislative session, which we are now well into. Next slide, please. We are in the midst of the State -- the States 2021 budget year, and I just wanted to highlight a couple of updates that were made to the State budget. Importantly, you heard a lot this morning about the challenges of the COVID-19 technology that's used Statewide, and one of the updates that was made to the State budget is \$18 million allocation to modernize the surveillance system that is used to track infectious diseases. They've also added funding for the AIDS drug assistance program. You will also see that medical examiner recruitment for the state crime lab as another one of those items that is of relevance to Fulton County. Next slide, please. Going into COVID, again, as one of our top priorities. You see a couple of items here. Last year there was legislation adopted called the Georgia Pandemic Business Safety Act. And that created some provisions for local governments, and businesses to reduce liability in the event that someone were to file litigation or claim that they contracted COVID-19, due to activities from that business or local government. So this legislation House Bill 112 would extend those provisions. Senate Bill 46 would be very impactful for us by authorizing EMTs and cardiac techs to administer vaccines in public health emergencies. This would also require some reporting to DPH regarding vaccinations. You've heard some of the labor shortages of the specialized professionals to give vaccines, so this is one piece of legislation we are reviewing. Next slide, please. Last year we had a lot of discussion about the Fulton County Airport. And you see here this legislation has not been filed, but we have been in discussion with Bill sponsor Representative Chuck Martin, who introduced legislation last year that would protect airports similar to the Fulton County Airport from annexation. This is one that we just continue to track and we want to make sure that we bring that up and we may have an additional update for you at the next meeting. We also wanted to let you know that in the FY 2022 State budget, the \$500,000 that has been earmarked for Fulton County's partnership with Partners For Home to provide case management services for formerly homeless individuals, who need behavioral health services in that permanent supportive housing program that funding has been earmarked in the 2022 budget, which is a very positive given the

economic climate in which we find ourselves. Next slide, please. Human trafficking is a matter that the Board of Commissioners has taken a lot of leadership in over the years. And again, while we are still reviewing this legislation, you heard the Governor had a press conference earlier this week about the issue of human trafficking, and these are two pieces of legislation related to this issue. House Bill 177 would allow survivors -- excuse me -- to recover damages in cases against the individuals who traffic them, the perpetrators in these cases that. And House Bill 178 would provide a mechanism for individuals who have been traffic it to allow to file for a name change under seal to protect their privacy and their life after these horrific incidents. Next slide, please. These are two legislation -- just as this Board has continued to meet virtually recognizing that the public health emergency that has continued has created a lot of necessity around teleconference meetings. These two pieces of legislation address some of those details. House Bill 98 allows for public hearings by teleconference, and there are some details here. And House Bill 107 is specific to local workforce development boards. We have continued to meet under the public health emergency, under the provisions of the Governor's orders; and I believe these pieces of legislation provide some additional clarification, and you know some flexibility, and guidance in those situations. Next slide, please. Cyber security, of course, is a matter of relevance to virtually every organization today and particularly as we are in a more virtual environment. House Bill 134 would allow matters or clarifies the legality of allowing discussion of cyber security matters in an executive session and exempts that from open records. The second piece of legislation here in House Bill 156, would require reporting by local governments of certain cyber-attacks, data breach, malware incidents to a GEMA. And particularly, in a life or safety event or in a case where it would impact the security of data information systems and some other categories. We are reviewing this legislation to determine impact and be able to provide feedback if needed. Next slide, please. You see here several pieces of legislation. I want to highlight those related to development authorities. Two of these are addressing essentially gambling. One is online sports betting through the Georgia lottery Corporation, and then the last one Senate Bill 30, would authorize per metro horse betting and gambling. It would establish the Georgia Horse Racing Commission. Secondly, I would just want to mention the House Bill 148 which addresses development authority boards, and would include -- it really defines who is eligible to serve on such a board and provides a process for removing appointees if needed. House Bill 161, which is for downtown development authorities which is a more specialized form of that -- those kinds of boards. Next line, please. You all remember it is one of your priorities have addressed the issue of ethylene oxide and we've had as you are aware one plant within unincorporated Fulton County, as well as one on the border of Fulton and Cobb counties that emits ethylene oxide. This bill would provide for the Georgia EPD to install equipment to be able to provide a continuous monitoring and to retain records of those daily emittances -- emissions excuse me from those plants. And it would also provide for publication of those reporting for the public viewing. It would also require that each facility create a monitoring plan to include quarterly sampling. This is introduced by Representative Eric Allen who is a member of our delegation, and this is one that we are continuing to track. Next slide, please. We have gone through with Fulton County over the years the issue of annexation. Really is limits the rules of counties and cities.

This piece of legislation, sponsored by Representative Mary Margaret Oliver, would allow schools to have a specific role in the dispute resolution process. We also have fireworks regulation as a topic that's been of interest for a number of years, House Bill 79. House Bill 187 is related to publication of ordinances and the like. And Senate Bill 32 is related to protection of private information such as mobile and unlisted phone numbers of public employees, so those do not have to be disclosed. Next slide, please. House Bill 150 is related to energy adoption and is one that we're just monitoring. As you know, Fulton County -- I don't believe this Bill has a great deal of impact on us, but we are very interested in energy usage issues and wanted to bring this to your attention. Next slide, please. Gang prevention is another matter that our justice system partners have identified as a priority. This piece of legislation would establish a legislative gang prevention and intervention commission. Which would provide primarily on the social services and education partners side versus on the judicial side, but it is one we wanted to highlight, given that we have heard a lot of reports of gang activity from both our District Attorney, sheriff, and other judicial partners. Next slide, please. I'm going to go into elections now. And this is really going to be kind of a larger focus of today's update. In total, 24 bills have been introduced related to elections. Ten of those are in the house and have been assigned to a special committee on election integrity. And 14 Bills in the Senate, which have been referred to the Senate ethics committee. We're starting off here with House Bill 77, and this is a piece of legislation that the Board has endorsed previously and we wanted to ask if the Board would consider filing a voting in a position of support for this piece of legislation. This Bill would authorize the election superintendent of a County to permit any Elector of the County to vote in that precinct for a primary, general, or runoff election. So this is the so-called voting centers' legislation and would allow voters from again from any county to vote in a location on Election Day just as they do during early voting. Mr. Chairman, is that something that you like to consider now or perhaps come back to?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "You want us -- you want us to take position on that now?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I have a question about it."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes, ma'am."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "This doesn't say anything about voting centers in your summary. This implies that they could get all of our precincts would still be open. And that they could on Election Day vote in any precinct anywhere in the County, which I hope everyone recognizes would mean that there would be Internet access, which could be open for some sort of cyber-attack. So, I'm not sure exactly what the language of this says, but this summary does not mention voting centers."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "I'm going to ask and I see that Commissioner Hall has her hand raised Mr. Chairman. Ms. Calhoun, could you speak to that?"

**FRAN CALHOUN, INTER-GOVERMENTAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes, Yes. Fran Calhoun, Inter-Governmental Affairs. I would agree with Commissioner Hausmann. The language in the bill does say any precinct. And so that may be something that we need to bring to the attention of the author and have further discussion on. Just to at least kind of determine what does that mean for open Internet access and those things. So that is the language however Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I would think we need clarification on the intent of the legislation before we take a position on it."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Wait, I don't understand -- our voting centers' are a precinct, isn't it?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Commissioner Arrington, I think that's a very good question. And -- as we began to discuss this it's possible that we do need to get some clarification. In some states that have again so-called voting centers, they've reduced the number of election day precincts so that you have essentially mega sites on election day versus this we have 255 election day precincts. We might have a smaller number that could serve any voter. So that is a good point that we need to look into. So, I think that's the nuance perhaps of the language is do we have the same number of sites at the same size and allow everyone to come to them? Or do we have a smaller number of sites that anyone could use on Election Day similar to early voting sites."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Sounds like we are talking about any precinct that will be open for voting. I mean, I'm not -- are we saying that we would worried about the Internet at the State Farm arena or at the Mercedes Benz dome? Would we worried about Internet at either of those facilities? I don't understand how the Internet has anything to do with it. It sounds like what we're saying is that -- it sounds like what the Bills' intent is anyone can vote in any open precinct or any precinct that is available for voting on Election Day. And it doesn't even say on Election Day. So -- I would agree that we need more clarification, but I don't understand how the Internet has anything to do with it unless we're saying that we were worried about State Farm at the Georgia dome and the Internet access."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Then let's do this, Ms. Corbitt because I support the concept of voting centers, but some of these questions do need to be answered and clarified."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you, Mr. Chairman and thank you commissioners. We've noted those and I think this gives us an opportunity to go back to -- go back and look at the sponsor; talk to the department and try to capture -- make sure the questions are all answered from an operational perspective. And we will bring this back to you at our next meeting. Thank you for the opportunity. Next slide, please. We have here, again, several Bills, I'm gonna just kind of give a very quick overview. Excuse me one moment. Thank you. Sorry. Some gentlemen were just coming to work in our office. So we have again several pieces of

legislation here. House Bill 59 is related to overseas voting. House Bill 62 which we mentioned last time is related to grants and during the last election cycle, Fulton County did apply for and received a number of grants from private entities so this will be relevant to us. House Bill 64 is related to very specific circumstances in a nonpartisan election in addressing that and the law. House Bill 65 does not apply to Fulton County because we're not a consolidated government, but we wanted to kind of round up all of these bills. Next slide, please. House Bill 101, we wanted to mention because this is also relevant to the issue of -- of justice reform and issues of felon rights. Two pieces of similar legislation are Senate Bill 39. This one is related to HB101 which allows individuals convicted of moral turpitude to vote before completion of their sentence. Senate Bill 39 allows individuals on essentially substance -- controlled substance related charges to do something similar. And then house resolution 28 would call for constitutional amendment to also address these voting rights issues. Next one is house Bill 113. This one would -- this is related to the issue of Election Day voter registration. We understand the board has taken a position on that and we'd like take some further analysis with the department and bring this one back to you for consideration at the next meeting as well. House Bill 121 is related to so-called purging of the voter rolls. This current practice says that an individual has not had contact with the department of registration and elections in a certain period of time; they would be removed from the voter rolls. This would prohibit that practice. And then, our representative Mainor has introduced House Bill 132 which is a very detailed piece of legislation that requires a number of procedures to be adopted by County boards of registration and elections. And would allow them to require them to also seek approval of those from the Secretary of State. We have provided by the way this list of legislation to the department of registration and elections to also give us some feedback and the Board of Registration and Elections will be meeting next week before your next meeting. Next slide, please. Again, house Bill 136 is not relevant to Fulton County. This is in counties where the probate judge operates elections. Senate Bill 29 and there are a couple pieces here related to the issue of absentee ballot. So Senate Bill 29 would require that when a voter applies for an absentee ballot that they apply for -- they provide a photocopy of that ballot -- of their, excuse me, of their ID me at the time that they apply. And this is as you all know the issue of absentee ballots was very hot during the last election cycle and you'll see several pieces of legislation here related to the operation of absentee ballots. Senate Bill 35 expands the eligibility for poll workers so currently they may serve in the county where they live or work. This would -- this would kind of open that up so that voters -- excuse me poll workers could live outside of those areas as well. Senate Bill 37 is an election bill that would require Georgia to enact the agreement among states to elect a president by national popular vote. Next slide, please. Senate Bill 38 would have -- would essentially establish a permanent list of electors requesting an absentee ballot for all future elections. Today the practice is that in any election cycle, the voter who is 65 or over or has a disability can ask for an election throughout that election year. There are some exceptions such as special elections and runoffs that may not fall within that parameter. So this would broaden that a bit. I mentioned earlier that Senate Bill, excuse me go back, please. Please. Thank you. I mentioned earlier that substance Senate Bill 39 is related to convicted felon voting rights. Senate Bill 40 is related to the period in which you may tabulate absentee ballots. During this

last year when we had so many this massive you know five or tenfold increase in absentee ballots received the Secretary of State had provisions that extended back to the time period to allow us to process those absentee ballots. That was under special authorization from the state election board. This would actually put that into law. It is not quite as long as we had last year, but it is a longer period that we have during a normal election cycle. Senate Bill 67 is -- this is another piece of legislation related to voter copying your ID when you submit your absentee ballot application. And it also allows for the web portal for voters which is essentially what the Secretary of State had in place before the November general election. Next slide, please. Senate Bill 68 would ban the use of drop boxes and you may recall that Fulton County has 32 absentee ballot drop boxes. So this would certainly be relevant to us. Senate Bill 69 also from Senator Mullis would essentially require currently Georgia is a so-called motor voter state where at the time you get a driver's license if you are eligible for one; you are automatically registered to vote. This would eliminate that practice and essentially will require that individual to affirm that they wish to register to vote and rather than be automatically registered. Senate Bill 70 would prevent, as it says right there in the title prohibit new Georgia residents from voting in a runoff. So if you move to Georgia or register to vote in Georgia between a general election and a runoff, you would not be allowed to vote in the runoff election. And then Senate Bill 71 has had a lot of news coverage. This would really limit the eligibility of absentee ballots. As we saw -- as you've seen last year, we've had -- and Georgia has had so-called "no excuse absentee ballots", this would eliminate that practice and really create a much more narrowly defined group of voters who would be eligible for absentee ballot voting. Next slide, please. I promise I'm almost done with these. So, Senate Bill 72 also by Senator Mullis would basically addressing the issue of deceased voters, and that requires a certain number of entities to report on deaths, so that that can be compared against a voter roll. So they will report those to election offices. Senate Bill 73 again, from Senator Mullis addresses the issue of distributing absentee ballot applications. Last year, we saw that numerous nonprofit organizations distributed absentee ballot applications, political parties, et cetera et cetera this would restrict that to only the Secretary of State Election Boards, or candidates or candidate campaign committees. And then Senate Bill 74 is related to poll watcher access and it expands the access of poll watchers so that it would not be permissible to restrict their access during the vote counting process. This would also be quite relevant to Fulton County. Next slide, please. And that was it for the election ones. I hope you're still with me. I'm going to go through these pretty quickly. These are related to justice system issues. There are several Bills you'll see here related to sovereign immunity for law enforcement officers and for medical examiners and gun registrations and gun investigations excuse me -- we have here a Bill calling house Bill 19 calling for due process during a civil forfeiture. And House Bill 15 is also related to de-escalation techniques and crisis intervention training. And so, all of these are in the realm of justice operations of justice systems. Next slide, please. House Bill 110 would be very relevant to our probate court and kind of more generally to the issue of -- of gun usage and the areas or restrictions against gun usage. So this bill would essentially eliminate the need for -- under the law, for a weapons carry permit. It essentially says that if you qualify for a weapons carry permit, you are allowed to do the things that that permit allows you to do. And it would also say that unless you are

otherwise prohibited from law, you could carry that weapon in a park, historic site, or recreational area. Senate house Bill 145 is by one of the members of our delegation representative William Bodie. And this would relate to some new -- new parameters around use of force by law enforcement. There's a lot of detail here, but this is one we would like to talk with our law enforcement agencies about and would also like to hear some feedback from the Board, if this is an issue that you are interested in. Senate Bill 10 is related to drag racing and we've heard a lot of reports of drag racing in many parts of Fulton County. Wanted to bring that to your attention. Next slide, please. Senate Bill 97 would allow a chief probate judge to issue an oath of office to another court employee to serve as the clerk. That is not currently provided under the law here. House Bill 140 also by Representative Bodie from our delegation provides some parameters for the district attorney of a jurisdiction to request a change of venue and specifically if the previous DA has been removed or if the local government has released any information that may taint the jury. In addition, how he has it, similar piece of legislation related to district attorney's house Bill 143 would create a district attorney oversight commission. Next slide, please. House Bill 151 is a very interesting piece of legislation that would be related to a government owned property outside of that government's borders. This is one while we believe this Bill was very specifically looking at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport, Fulton County does own a few pieces of property. For example, we have libraries in Atlanta and DeKalb that were part of the old Atlanta library system that merged with us. We have a water plant that's on the border of Fulton and Cherokee counties that we operate. So, there are a number of pieces of County owned property that are partially outside of our own borders that we would want to look at and make sure this Bill does not apply. Next slide, please. I'm going to -- I went over house Bill 66 last time which was related to bond validation proceedings. This is really specifically looking at an issue in DeKalb with sponsor Mary Margaret Oliver. House Bill 63 we often see pieces of legislation addressing the issue of ad valorem taxes for vehicles specifically to the tax rate. House Bill 75 is really I think one that we are very interested in and is related to proposed millage rates, which as you all know, the notices that are part of the assessment notice or are actually part of the millage rate notice excuse me can be very confusing to the public. And this would help clarify that language. This bill, and I believe Fran please correct me if I'm wrong, this is a bill that ACCG has advocated for as part of their clarification to have a cleaner public notification process related to taxes. One thing that Fulton County has that is specifically relevant, it says that any local government that has a floating homestead exemption as we do would -- sorry. My video turned off. This would allow those that have a floating homestead exemption to dispense with otherwise applicable public notification of tax increase requirements. So, this is one again that's particularly relevant to us. Next slide, please. Senator Albers' has been part of a study committee, or has been leading a study committee that has been looking at tax credits. And Georgia has a number of different tax credits and this study committee has been evaluating the efficacy of those credits. How much is it costing? Are people using them? Are they being used for their intended purpose, et cetera. So this piece of legislation would help address that and request some economic analysis. Senate Bill 41 has been introduced previously. This would create a Tax Commissioner retirement fund and it does that by requesting contributions from tax commissioners and also

implementing a new fee on delinquent property taxes as well as an administration fee. In talking with Dr. Ferdinand when this has been introduced previously, the concern he raisesd is that because Fulton County has more parcels and therefore will be more likely to have more delinquent parcels, and we already thanks to this Board provide for retirement funds for our Tax Commissioner essentially Fulton County would be subsidizing the retirements of tax commissioners in other parts of this state. So that's a concern that he has raised with us previously. We are continuing to look at this piece of legislation, but wanted to make you all aware of that. Next slide, please. Again, I went over these a couple of these a little earlier about the house resolution 28 and there is a companion piece of legislation in house resolution 30. Again, related to -- we talked earlier about per metro betting and sports betting, this piece of legislation would allow for a vote for constitutional amendment for casino gambling. And Senate resolution 26 is one we want to look at carefully. Again, any of these constitutional amendments have to go through a referendum process, but this could allow the state to incur general obligation debt to make loans for local governments that own airports. So that's one that we're very interested in giving the work that is happening at the Fulton County airport. Next slide, please. So you see here that we're on legislative day 11. And we have and they're going to be in session tomorrow and then again on Monday. I know many of you are active with the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia. They provide a really excellent legislative review every Friday so I hope that if you're able to you would want to also take a look at those. With that we can take any questions."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Ms. Corbitt?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any questions?"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I have a general question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I see a lot of Bills from Senator Mullis. Just remind me please is he still the Senate Rules Committee Chairman?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "I believe that is correct. Ms. Fran, can you -- can you verify that for me? Fran? Commissioner, I believe that is correct."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** Well, if it's not, just let me know. I just can't remember. It's hard to look things up sometimes when you're in these meetings. And then the sports betting bill that just did pass the house I believe? Is that a general Bill or is that also a constitutional amendment?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "The one that --"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I know they said the proceeds would still go to the Hope scholarship."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Right. The one that has just gone through and again I'm going to ask Fran if she can help me with that one, but I believe that the one that just went through was House Resolution 30, which was Representative Stevens' piece of legislation. And that's another one Commissioner. Let us look into that and verify, cause I don't -- [Inaudible.]"

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I think the resolutions usually are constitutional."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes."

**FRAN CALHOUN, INTER-GOVERMENTAL AFFAIRS:** "Resolutions are the constitutional amendments, and so, that would, of course, have to go before the voters next year, and I apologize. My little screen was bouncing around. I had too many windows open there. Was that the question Commissioner Hausmann? I'm sorry."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "I asked if Senator Mullis was still the rules Committee Chairman."

**FRAN CALHOUN, INTER-GOVERMENTAL AFFAIRS:** "Yes, he is."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay, and then I didn't know if the one Bill, one piece of legislation had gone forward with the sports betting was a constitutional amendment or a regular Bill."

**FRAN CALHOUN, INTER-GOVERMENTAL AFFAIRS:** "I believe that was the regular Bill. Let us double check that. I know one is SR 30 and I think the other one is HB 30."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Okay."

**FRAN CALHOUN, INTER-GOVERMENTAL AFFAIRS:** "Well, since it went from the Senate to the house, I guess it was the resolution. But we'll reconfirm that for you."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "That's fine, that's fine. Thank you."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you Commissioner."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anything you need from us at this time Ms. Corbitt?"

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "No, Mr. Chairman. I think what we would like to do is get some feedback from some of the departments on some of the Bills we just went over. As you know this is kind of a peak activity period during the session. Get some feedback and then we'd like to ask you to take position on some of these Bills at your next meeting, if you would indulge us with that, sir."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's reasonable. Thank you."

**JESSICA CORBITT, DIRECTOR, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS:** "Thank you very much."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam Clerk."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "We had an item that was removed from the Consent Agenda by Commissioner Ellis. On bottom of page 4, **21-0085**, the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority, doing business as Grady Health Systems. Commissioner Morris has nominated Rick Shackelford to a District appointment to a term ending December 31st, 2024. And Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Thomas Wesley Dortch, Jr. for a District appointment until term ending December 31st, 2024."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yeah, just a -- I want to have a little bit of discussion on the authority itself. I know -- I was kind of remembering back, you know, early part of last year or when, you know, we had the then Chair, I believe, kind of came in and provided us some updates with some questions we had about some financial components around the Authority, which I think there were some questions about going back over the past two years. It's been a while since we've gotten any real updates there. But I understand we've had some changes within the Authority -- leadership, et cetera; so I'm curious if we have -- if you have an update on any of that."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "There was an audit done a couple of years ago, which I requested. Not only of this authority; but the Recreational Authority, Fulton Housing Authority, and others. But we started with this one and I think that -- that they did some preliminary -- they, meaning Anthony Nicks. But I guess they -- from my perspective -- the positive news is that they -- this Authority, though, seems to be evolving in a very -- what I consider to be -- a very, very positive directions. You know, it's a ten member Authority; and it's also getting back in line like it used to be. It's a ten member Authority, with seven members appointed by the Fulton County Commission; and only three from DeKalb County. But it's sort of gotten out of whack in the past, where the tail was wagging the dog; meaning DeKalb County was running it. There's one vacant position, now I think Commissioner Arrington has a vacant position. And then one from DeKalb County, although it's not vacant, Representative Pam Stevenson, who has had some -- reportedly some personal issues, has resigned her seat as a Legislator. And the thinking is that at some point, may do so with respect to this Authority as well. So, I'm going to be speaking with -- with CEO, Michael Thurman about what he plans to do, with respect to that -- that appointment. The Board has some ten or 12 employees, which again, editorial comment, about too many for what it does. There's one -- I think one vacant position. They're all "At Will" employees, and that's the key word. And that audit is going to come up; and I guess the things that happened recently, that I'm aware

of, which sort of puts it back in sync is that they did in fact elect new officers. And the new officers are as follows: The new Chair is Kathryn Flowers; the new Vice Chair is Bernie Tokarz. The new Treasurer is Shannon Georgecink; and the new Secretary is Pastor Eric Thomas. And they've also hired -- and I think, an outstanding person, is a new CEO Javon Gibson. So that's why I say, I think that they're moving -- moving in the right direction, now. We probably need to support them. Does that help, Commissioner?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Mr. Chair, I have my hand raised."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes it does."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "My first question is: What does that have to do with these appointees, or should I say these appointments that are being made by Commissioner Ellis and Commissioner Abdur-Rahman?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I was responding to a question that Commissioner Ellis had asked me."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. Well, I guess my bigger question is: Why was it pulled off the Agenda? And what does that have to do with the appointments that Commissioner Morris and Commissioner Abdur-Rahman are trying to make today?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Again, I was responding to a question. Was I responsive to your question, Commissioner Ellis?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes, you were, Mr. Chair."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Then my question is for Commissioner Ellis. Your reasoning for pulling this off of the Consent Agenda, and putting it on the Regular Meeting Agenda? Can you explain that to me? I'm trying to understand."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "All right, I posed my question to the Chair, which he responded, too."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "And so, what does that have to do with the appointment?"

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "This is an Authority, which has had a degree of challenges in my estimation in terms of governance. And the governance comes down to the members who are comprised of that particular Authority's Board. So it's a germane question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Well, ladies and gentlemen --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- and then -- I still have another question."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "You have the floor Vice Chair."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. And so, it is -- it is, has been brought to my attention that the emergency meeting that was called by the FDHA, did not follow their rules and protocols. So I think you may want to investigate that a little further because there were several rules and regulations that we're actually broken in order to call that meeting; and in order to move to vote for those particular individuals as officers. So you may want to investigate that as well and use an attorney. Thank you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Okay. All right. I'm going to call for a Division on this matter. Madam Clerk."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Morris has nominated Rick Shakelford for District appointment to a term ending December 31st, 2024."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I move approval."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Let's vote. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion passes six; yeas zero nays."

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**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman has nominated Thomas Wesley Dortch Jr., for a District appointment to a term ending December 31st, 2024."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Is there a second?"

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "The motion is to approve."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I didn't hear a motion."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "I'm sorry. I didn't hear. Could it be repeated, please?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Was there a motion?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Move approval."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "What?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Motion to approve? Is that what I heard?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington moved to approve. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Second it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris. Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "And the motion fails; three yeas, zero nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Fail for lack of four?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Wait a minute. Mr. Chair, you didn't vote."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I did not vote that's, correct."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "You abstained? You abstained?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's fine. I abstained."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Abstained. Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait. Wait, wait, wait, wait. We got to have -- it's got to be a, yay, a nay, or an abstention. We can't have six people vote, and then an announcement that it didn't pass. We have seven people in attendance, so we have to have seven votes, a yay, a nay, or an abstention. We cannot simply skip to an announcement that it failed."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "It failed for lack of four affirmative votes."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "You call for the tally after the sixth vote."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "And why was there a Division, Chair? Could I, please, get clarification why there was a Division of the vote?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Any member can ask for a Division on items like this. That's standard rules; Robert's Rule of Order."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I have my hand raised to speak."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hall -- Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "My question is: Why are we not following the protocol that we normally follow for Board appointments by Commissioners, where we allow that Commissioner, whose appointment it is to make -- to have their appointee? Why are Commissioners voting against an appointment made by a Commissioner who has that right?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "It did not receive the requisite four votes. Since it did not receive the four requisite votes, it failed. I made a substitute motion to file, which was properly moved and seconded it. We're going to vote on that. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Wait. I need discussion. What's a motion to --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- wait. I couldn't even hear what you just did. Hello?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "What's a motion to file discussion?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The motion to file is to file. Madam County Attorney, would you explain that motion? I've explained it once before."

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "On the motion to file is in essence a motion to indefinitely postpone a matter."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "It's a proper motion. And it's properly before us."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "It indefinitely postpones what matter?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The matter that we're voting on, Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Wait, wait, wait."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "But what is the matter? I didn't hear what the matter was?"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Chair, can I be given the privilege as a new Commissioner to have the opportunity to speak, please?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Just a minute. Just minute. We're in the middle of a vote, now. If the -- two things we can do: If you want to vote to overrule my ruling that this is a proper motion, you're free to do so. The County Attorney has ruled that the motion was proper."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "But we got to have discussion because we didn't even know what you were talking about. You ran -- you didn't give us an opportunity for discussion."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I want to make a substitute motion to hold this because it's too much confusion going on. I can't even hear what in the world is going on, with this bad Dell Computer, and the speaker, and everybody talking. Substitute motion to hold this - -"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- second."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- appointment?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We're in the middle of a vote. If you want to overrule my motion, you're free to do so."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I don't even know what your motion is."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "We need to have a discussion. Point of order. We don't get to a vote until we have discussion. And we did not have any discussion. And we asked you what was this motion. And we asked you what was the matter and you have yet to identify the matter."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The motion is to file, and the matter is the nomination that was sounded by the Clerk."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "The motion to file what?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Repeat the motion -- repeat the -- Madam Clerk."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "That motion already failed. The motion to her nomination already failed."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The substitute -- after the motion was made to approve that motion failed for lack of four votes."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Right."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I made a motion to file the same and it was properly moved and seconded it."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Motion to file what?"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RACHMAN:** "No, it was not. No, it was not."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Just a minute. Just a minute. To file. And we're going to vote on this."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Wait. Wait. I don't understand what's happening. Madam Attorney, what is he talking about?"

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "I think that he was trying to respond to the issue you raised about whether or not the previous matter failed for a lack of four votes. And it appears that as a result of that, he then made a motion to indefinitely postpone that issue, which was the second part of item 21-0085."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "So he's making a motion to indefinitely postpone Commissioner Khadija's appointment?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. Yes."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "You're making a motion to stop her from appointing someone to a Board; her District appointment?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The motion is too --"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Can I make a point of clarification."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- is that. Hold on. Hold on. I still have my hand up. And I want to be clear because it's a lot of back-and-forth. Is that what the motion is? To try to block her from ever bringing her appointments back up? Is that what this is?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I am not going to respond. Why don't you --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I want to be clear because it's too much back-and-forth and talking and stuff. I have a bad speaker. So, can one person talk at a time and explain this to me?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'm sorry. You need to get her a new computer, Mr. Melendez."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "This is a new computer. That's why I stopped that -- and held that item earlier today because this is one of the new computers and it's terrible."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The Manager, just said, he will personally get you a new computer. Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, you have the floor."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Thank you, Chair. I want to take this opportunity to not only speak to my fellow colleagues, but also to speak to the community. The only other time North Fulton blocked a Board appointment was when a Muslim woman was nominated and it was blocked. It's the only other time in history. Speed up to 2021; you have a Commissioner that won against an incumbent. The only other time that happened was in the nineties. I upset an incumbent by 6,000 votes. That wasn't good enough. I had to go to court for my constituents to have their legal representation that they voted for, for their community here. Now, the great literary giant, Zora Neale Hurston, says, 'If you are silent about your pain, they will kill you and say you enjoyed it'. Now, Commissioner Ellis says, 'a degree of talent is on the Board'; is to insinuate that my District appointment, or maybe my District as a whole is not talented? Georgia has already taken a black eye. Commissioner Marjorie Taylor Green, says 'Muslim's are not American. They have no place in office'. And the behavior I see today, of Fulton County, agrees with Marjorie Green. The Republican Party, North Fulton, feels like District 6 was not competent enough to send their representation, who could have been heard today. This was rushed through. But God

is in control. I am an African-American female that happens to be Muslim that represents a District that's highly diversified, has HBCUs as well as Ivy League scholars; but I also have head-of-households, and people dealing with homeless issues. I was sent here because I'm a fighter. Your desire, or should I stay North Fulton's desire, or should I say the Republican Party's desire to silence this African-American female, that happens to be Muslim, is not only wrong; it is a ugly picture that Fulton County would be on the wrong side of history. This was not done properly. My appointee is a well-established member of the community. He is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of a consulting firm. He is the president of the Southwest Investment Group, State Director -- former State Director for US Senator Sam Nunn; Chief Administrator of Georgia Officers over Southside Field Offices. Five honorary doctorates to include: One for humanitarian and another one for public service. So what I say to my colleagues today, who clearly sent a message that the inequity between South Fulton and North Fulton is prevalent on this Board. I was here to fight for my community. And Chairman Pitts, you should be ashamed of yourself. I unseated your personal, handpicked Commissioner. I fought you in court and beat you. I will fight you again on this, sir. This is a sad day in Fulton County, when we have the first African-American HBCU Vice President. But we also have a Georgia that will allow a person to say that Muslims are not fit for public office. But my constituents sent me here overwhelmingly. The only other time that an incumbent has been unseated was back in 1990. So what I say to my colleagues, in North Fulton -- what I say to the Republican Party, we will not stand this in District 6. This is a miscarriage of justice. And I was sent here to fight and that I will. Good day."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Morris. Vote. Mr. Morris"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes. Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The motion is to file. How do you vote?"

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "No."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Absolutely not. I'm trying to still understand from the Attorney what is the effect of this motion to file? Does that prevent Commissioner Khadijah from being able to appoint someone to this Board?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "It does not, Commissioner."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "What does it do? That's what I've been asking the whole time."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, how do you vote?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Is anybody going to address the fact that I've had my hand up all this time and nobody is allowing me to speak?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "On the motion to file; what's the vote?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Right now, I have three yeas, two nays."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes, to file."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "So you're just going to -- you're just gonna ignore the fact that my hand has been up?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "You've had the floor, Madam Vice Chair. What do you have to say?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I haven't had the floor with people screaming and hollering."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "You have the floor. Go ahead. The votes, four yeas, and two nays. How do you vote?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. I already voted, so -- and I voted, no; to just be clear since you didn't catch that. But my question is the same as Commissioner Arrington. And so, I will pose the question in a different manner since he didn't get a response. My question is: Does this motion create a situation where Commissioner Abdur-Rahman cannot appoint Mr. Thomas W. Dortch, Jr. ever again to the Fulton-DeKalb Hospital Authority?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Nominate. Anyone -- any Commissioner, when they have an appointment they can nominate."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I'm asking the County Attorney."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam County Attorney. Let her talk; the votes in, but go ahead, you can respond."

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Yes, the effect of the motion to postpone indefinitely is with respect to item 21-0085. And Commissioner Abdur-Rahman's nomination of Thomas Wesley Dortch, Jr. So, yes, the answer to your question is, yes."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. So to me that looks like a personal vendetta that someone has against Mr. Dortch. And I just do not agree with that. I want this to go in the minutes, and on the record that I have said this very clearly."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I want to challenge that because it sounds like it should've been a substitute motion. He was already voted down. So I don't understand how you can go back after it was already done, and he was already voted down. Now, my question is; so, I think, I heard the answer to Commissioner's Hall question, was does that prevent Commissioner Abdur-Rahman, Commissioner Khadijah from ever appointing Mr. Dortch, again? My question is, does it prevent her from nominating anyone to the Board?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "It does not."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "But it does prevent her from nominating Mr. Dortch?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "It does not."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Oh, it does not. So what is the purpose --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- yes, it does. She just -- the County Attorney just said, yes, it does."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I've asked you again -- we're going to move on. If there's a no --"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "-- let's not move on because --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Hold on. The County Attorney just made it clear that she can't appoint Mr. Dortch anymore. She just said --"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "-- yeah, because based on what I understood. So County Attorney, would you please, reiterate what this does or doesn't do for my appointment; for my District."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, because I'm going to need a legal opinion because I'm ready to file a lawsuit."

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "This motion to indefinitely postpone, relates to today's item which is 21-0085, and the nomination of Thomas Dortch. So this issue for today is over because it's been -- the motion has passed, which has indefinitely postponed this matter."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Wait a minute. But there was already a vote declining him. Why was there not a substitute motion? I need -- Madam County Attorney -- Madam County Attorney, I need a legal opinion. I need a legal opinion on this matter. I need to understand what is going on. Now, if you wanted to make a motion to substitute -- if he wanted to make a motion to file, he should have made a substitute motion to file, prior to the vote declining Mr. Dortch. Now, that would have

been proper. But this procedure that just occurred is not proper and I challenge it. I make a formal objection for the record."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam County Attorney, note his formal objection for the record. Anything else?"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Madam County Attorney, would you, please explain what you just said to me, as though you were explaining it to a 5-year-old. Because I would like for my constituents to know whether I can bring Mr. Dortch back or whether I cannot bring anybody back to this appointment, period."

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "So the way the meeting works is, for today, you have an item on the Agenda. And this particular item on the Agenda has now been postponed indefinitely."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "No, it was -- before it was postponed indefinitely they voted it down. They voted it down first."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "So that means that -- Chair, you were incorrect then. Cause you told me it was not. My understanding was that I would not be able to come back and vote, again -- I mean, I would be able to come back and bring a different person. But my understanding is, indefinitely I would not be able to appoint anybody for this particular Board appointment. That's my understanding."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington has asked for an opinion on this and the County Attorney is going to provide that opinion. I've asked was there a motion to overrule me, there was none, so we're gonna move --"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- motion to overrule."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We're done with this."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Motion to overrule. You can't -- you can't say that. I just made a motion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Your motion is to overrule the Chair. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Second."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "If you wanted to make a substitute motion -- the matter was over with once it was voted on the first time. And y'all voted four to three. The matter was over with at that point."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That was not. On the motion to overrule the Chair --"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- according to you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The motion to overrule. Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "No."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "I voted, no, too."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes. I vote, yes. I'm ready to file a lawsuit. That's bullshit."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "And I vote, no. Sorry, I missed it -- --"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Nope. You can't come back and vote. We already voted. We already went pass you. I'm ready to file a lawsuit. Let's go. Let's go."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Point of order. Mr. Chair. I have a question. According to Robert's Rule of Order, when you have a motion for Divide, it has to have a majority and be seconded it. That was not a majority. It has to have a majority vote and second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's over with. Let's go to the Black History."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "No, that's not over with, sir. Mr. Chair, you did not have a majority. You told me in a second -- you told me to go by Robert's Rule of Order. I got the book in front of me that you gave me. You did not do it, sir."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "You called for a Division and there was no motion and no second. She's absolutely right."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "And you did not have a majority."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "That's why I'm going to win my lawsuit."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Parliamentarian has ruled. I'm not the parliamentarian. There was a motion --"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- I haven't heard a ruling from a parliamentarian? What parliamentarian made a ruling and what was it?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That the motion was proper. Now, we can sit here all day."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "We can hear from the parliamentarian. We don't need to hear from you. We need to hear from the parliamentarian, on what the parliamentarian's ruling was."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I want to hear from the parliamentarian."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "We need to hear from the parliamentarian. Because my last understanding is that this was Fulton County and not Russia."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "I want this all on record."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "This is a democracy."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "So can we, please let the parliamentarian -- please, let the parliamentarian speak, so we can get this on record."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Was the motion proper?"

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "So, the last motion was to overrule the Chair's ruling. Is that the motion, you're asking about?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "No, the Division. What Commissioner Khadijah said, is that he called for Division, and there was no motion or second on the Division. He called for Division, and it was automatically divided without a second and without a vote on the Division. That is what Commissioner Khadija said. And she's absolutely at right. She's absolutely right. Pull the transcript. Pull the transcript and read it back."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "That's not correct."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "That's what happened."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam Parliamentarian --"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- Madam Clerk, pull the transcript and read it back."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Please pull the transcript, please."

**KAYE BURWELL, INTERIM COUNTY ATTORNEY:** "Let me get the transcript and review it and then I'll write a memo for you."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Thank you."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "No, we don't need a memo. We need --"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- a motion to hold."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "We need to know today --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- can we do it right now?"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "-- that this went through. I'm looking at what Rob's Rules of Order says, 'It has to have a second and it has to have a majority'. That did not happen."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "The motion to stay -- the motion to file until we get the ruling back from the parliamentarian."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We've already voted on --"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- I just made a motion. I just made a motion."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Can you, please just do that, right now."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Can we just take up the Black History month?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I just made a motion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "I'm going to rule that out of order."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "I just made a motion."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "We have -- I already ruled on --"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- I just made another motion."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Mr. Chair --"

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "-- with all due respect, Chair. I would request that you silence Morris' if you're going to silence mine because it was not done proper. Silence both of them then."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Both are proper. Would you sound the, ah --"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Motion to stay the appointments and a motion to file until we get the opinion back from the County Attorney."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Second. Is that a motion? Second."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Motion and second it."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Hausmann. Commissioner Ellis. Commissioner Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "No."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Can we just have the parliamentarian?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, no. And it fails."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Excuse me. Excuse me. My hand is up. Please you guys. My hand is up. May I, please have the floor?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "You have the floor Vice Chair."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Thank you. Okay. So, to bring some order to this meeting, and to accommodate the request of our fellow colleagues, can we, please just go ahead and have the parliamentarian pull the information that has been requested; go back and look at how this process has taken place. I want us to look fair, honest, and have integrity at these BOC meetings. Mr. Chair, I believe that that is what you also want. And so, to show that you do want that, can we, please just allow them to go back, look at what happened, and let's -- let's do that, right now. We have plenty enough time. We didn't finish our last meeting until 7:30 at night. I'm sure we have enough time to do this, right now."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "The County Attorney, said she's going to research the request that was made by Commissioner Arrington, and research it thoroughly, and get back to him on it. As far as --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- that is not -- Mr. Chair that was not what he asked for. Commissioner Arrington asked for that to take place right now. He didn't ask for it to be done later. He asked for it, right now."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "That's, okay. That's grounds for -- look, that's how we'll win the lawsuit; improper order. If they don't want to go back and get it right, they got the votes. But they don't want to go back and do it right. So that's fine. We don't have to read the transcript. That's grounds for having it overturned in court."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Mr. Chair, can we please just do this, right now? It will not take that long. It won't take as long as that meeting that we had with the actual budget that went to well over 7 o'clock. It is now 2:52."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam Clerk, would you sound the item that we added to the Agenda."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay. The item added to today's Regular Meeting Agenda, 21-0110. Request approval of a Resolution in observant of February 2021 as Black History --"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "-- excuse me. Are you just going to completely ignore my request?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. We're going to take this item up."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Oh. Oh, so you're completely ignoring my requests? And Tonya is too, as the Clerk?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Sound the item, please."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "And the Clerk to the BOC is ignoring my request as well because she can just as easily tell the votes, and how it went. So, she's also ignoring my request, even though she reports to me, as one of the Commissioners' of this Board?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "-- sound the --"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Vice Chair Hall, what is your request for the Clerk? I don't have the transcript here in front of me. Our Court Reporter will have to e-mail that to us as soon as she has it ready."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Would you finish sounding?"

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "So, we still don't have a Court Reporter?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "We have a Court Reporter, but due to COVID, she's not here in the room with us."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "And where is she right now?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "She is viewing the meeting remotely."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. And so, is she logged into the meeting?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "That's what I figured. So is she not -- can she just report back to you what she has reported on? She has access to the meeting?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "Yes. We can e-mail her or give her a call and see if she can send that back to us, now."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Okay. Commissioner Arrington, did you hear that?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yeah, I don't want to give them a chance to get it right. I want it to be wrong so that when we go to court, we'll win."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. Madam Clerk, would you finish sounding the Black History."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "They're going to win because they got the votes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam Clerk --"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "-- but in court, they won't win because they didn't follow the proper procedure."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Madam Clerk, just sound it."

**CLERK GRIER:** "Okay. So we're ready to move forward?"

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Yes. Just finish sounding and we're going to vote on the Black History that was added."

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**CLERK GRIER:** **21-0110.** Request approval of a Resolution in observance of February 2021 as Black History month in Fulton County. Sponsored by Commissioner Abdur-Rahman.

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. I'll move approval. Is there a second?"

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Second."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Properly moved and seconded. Let's vote, please. Commissioner Hausmann."

**COMMISSIONER HAUSMANN:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Ellis."

**COMMISSIONER ELLIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Mr. Morris."

**COMMISSIONER MORRIS:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Vice Chair Hall."

**VICE CHAIR HALL:** "Yes, but this does not make up for what just happened. That was just a travesty."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Arrington."

**COMMISSIONER ARRINGTON, JR.:** "Yes."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Commissioner Abdur-Rahman."

**COMMISSIONER ABDUR-RAHMAN:** "Yes. And I'll see you on the 6 o'clock news."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "And I vote, yes."

**CLERK GRIER:** "The motion passes unanimously."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "Anything else to come before us?"

**CLERK GRIER:** "No further items."

**CHAIRMAN PITTS:** "All right. No further items to come before us today. We are adjourned. Thank you"

(Whereupon, the meeting concluded at 3:02 p.m.)